Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

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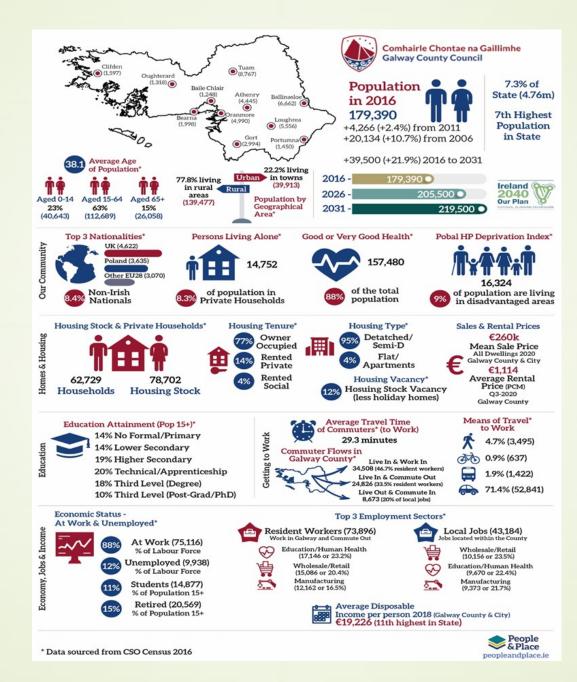


Demographics of County Galway

- County Galway is situated in the Northern Western Regional Area (NWRA). The other counties in this region are Mayo, Roscommon, Leitrim, Sligo, Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan
- Tuam, Ballinasloe, Oranmore, Athenry and Loughrea are the largest towns in the county
- Some of our towns are serviced by Motorways (M6/M17/M18) and Rail Network (Dublin-Galway, Limerick-Galway)









What is County Development Plan?

- Framework that guides the future development of a County over the next six-year period
- Ensure that there is enough lands zoned in the County to meet future housing, economic and social needs
- Policy objectives to ensure appropriate development that happens in the right place with consideration of the environment and cultural and natural heritage.





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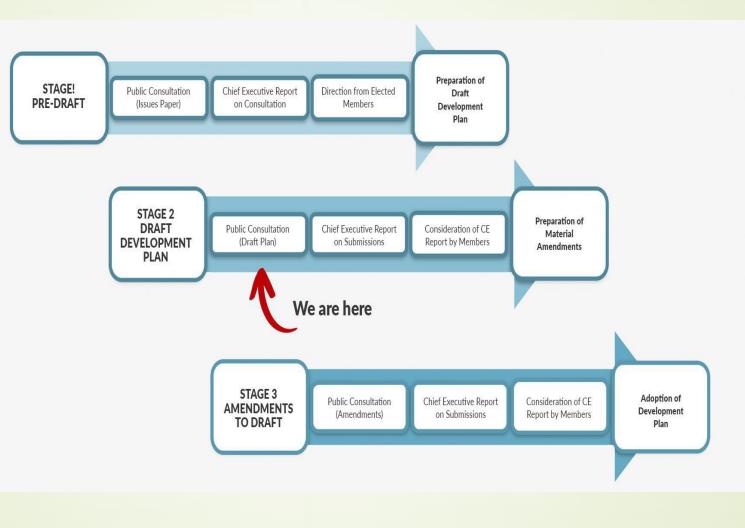


Sustainable Development Goals





Process and Timelines





How to get involved

- ↓ Visit Website-<u>https://consult.galway.ie/</u>
- ↓ Attend Webinar
- View a hard copy of the plan, make a appointment to review the documents in the Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway



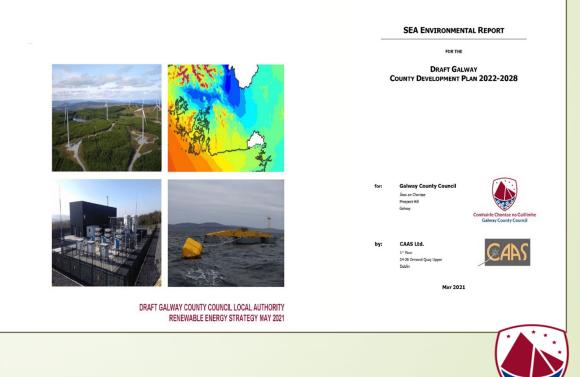




Contents of Draft Plan

- Volume 1 Written Statement-15 Chapters with Policy Objectives
- Volume 2 Settlement Plans-Metropolitan Plan, Small Growth Towns and Small Growth Villages
- Appendices-Housing Strategy, Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy, Landscape Character Assessment, Galway County Transport Strategy
- Environmental Documents-Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment





Volume 1-

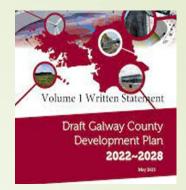


Overall Vision

"Promote the creation of an attractive county to live, work, visit and enable businesses to flourish in an environment that offers a range of housing options, robust and diverse range of employment opportunities, access to quality infrastructure and community facilities with a high quality sustainable environment for all"



Volume 1-Where we live



- Core Strategy and Population Distribution-Where we live (Chapter 2, 3 and 4-Relevant Chapters)
- Core Strategy-Population distribution in accordance with the Transitional Roadmap from NPF(High NPF)
- **F** Population trends over the years

| Year | 1991 | 1996 | 2002 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Population | 129,511 | 131,613 | 143,245 | 159,256 | 175,124 | 179,390 |
| Actual | - | 2,102 | 11,632 | 16,011 | 15,868 | 4,266 |
| Change | | | | | | |
| % Change | - | 1.6 | 8.8 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 2.4 |



Population Allocation 2022-2028

| Year | Total Population in County Galway | Annual Population Increase during year | Annual Population Increase 2022- 2028 | Total Population Increase 2022- 2028 | Total Population Increase 2016-2028 |
|------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 2006 | 159,256 | 68.70% | | | |
| 2011 | 175,124 | 69.90% | | | |
| 2016 | 179,390 | 69.50% | | | |
| 2017 | 182,001 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2018 | 184,612 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2019 | 187,223 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2020 | 189,834 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2021 | 192,445 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2022 | 195,056 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2023 | 197,667 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2024 | 202,278 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2025 | 2028,889 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2026 | 205,500 | 1.46% | 2,611 | | |
| 2027 | 208,300 | 1.36% | 2,800 | | |
| 2028 | 211,100 | 1.36% | 2,800 | 18,655 | 31,810 |



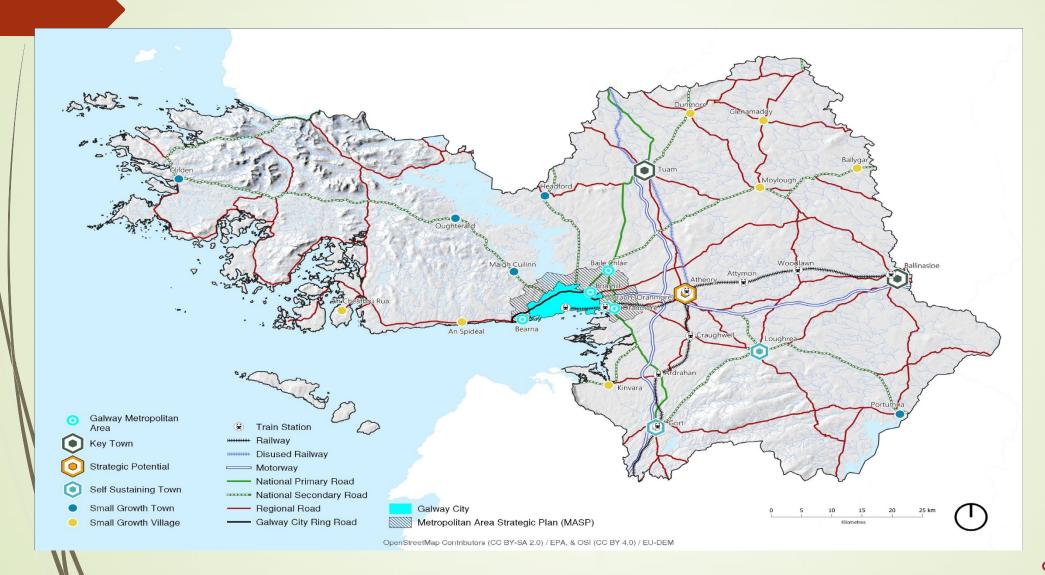
Core Strategy Table

| Settlement Typology | Settlement | Population CSO 2016 | Core Stratgey 2022-2028 Population Allocation | Housing Units | Density | Housing Land Requirement | Up to 30% of Residential Units into Built Up Footprint |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|---|
| County | Galway | 179,390 | 18,655 | 7,469 | | 283 | 1,427 |
| Metropolitan Area | Baile Chláir | 1,248 | 975 | 390 | 30 | 13.00 | 117.00 |
| | Bearna | 1,998 | 750 | 300 | 30 | 10.00 | 90.00 |
| | Oranmore | 4,990 | 1540 | 616 | 30 | 20.53 | 184.80 |
| | Briarhill** | 0 | 977 | 391 | 30 | 13.03 | 0 |
| | Garraun** | 0 | 1258 | 503 | 35 | 14.38 | 0 |
| Totals | | 8,236 | 5,500 | 2,200 | 3 | 71 | 392 |
| Key Towns | Ballinasloe | 6,662 | 1,999 | 799 | 30 | 26.65 | 239.38 |
| | Tuam | 8,767 | 2,630 | 1,052 | 30 | 35.07 | 315.61 |
| Totals | | 15,429 | 4,629 | 1,851 | | 62 | 555 |
| Stratgic Potential | Athenry | 4,445 | 1,350 | 540 | 20 | 27.00 | 162.00 |
| Totals | | 4,445 | 1,350 | 540 | 20 | 27.00 | 162.00 |
| Self-Sustaining Towns | Gort | 2,994 | 800 | 320 | 20 | 16.00 | 96.00 |
| | Loughrea | 5,556 | 1,400 | 560 | 20 | 28.00 | 168.00 |
| Totals | | 8,550 | 2,200 | 880 | | 44 | 264 |
| Small Growth Towns | Clifden | 1,597 | 470 | 195 | 16 | 12.19 | 58.50 |
| | Headford | 973 | 290 | 116 | 16 | 7.25 | 34.80 |
| | Maigh Cuilinn | 1,704 | 350 | 140 | 16 | 8.75 | 42.00 |
| | Oughterard | 1,318 | 350 | 140 | 16 | 8.75 | 42.00 |
| | Portumna | 1,450 | 300 | 120 | 16 | 7.50 | 36.00 |
| Totals | | 6,069 | 1,760 | 711 | | 45 | 215.70 |
| Small Growth Villages | An Cheathrú Rua | 781 | 150 | 60 | 11 | 5.45 | 18.00 |
| | An Spidéal | 237 | 55 | 22 | 11 | 2.00 | 6.60 |
| | Ballygar | 687 | 175 | 70 | 11 | 6.36 | 21.00 |
| | Dunmore | 600 | 120 | 48 | 11 | 4.36 | 14.40 |
| | Glenamaddy | 480 | 130 | 52 | 11 | 4.73 | 15.60 |
| | Kinvara | 730 | 200 | 80 | 11 | 7.27 | 24.00 |
| | Moylough | 518 | 125 | 50 | 11 | 4.55 | 15.00 |
| Totals | | 4,038 | 955 | 382 | | 35 | 115 |
| Totals per Towns and Villages | | 47,740 | 16,394 | 6,564 | | | Comhair |
| Rural Settlements a Rural Area | & | 131,650 | 2,261 | 904 | | | Galv |



| | , i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i | within the area that will ensure the vitality and appeal of Galway City and the | Baile Chláir Bearna |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| 2 Key | | ů v | Oranmore Garraun Briarhill |
| | C | Towns that are regionally strategic employment centres of significant scale that can act as regional drivers that complement and support the higher order areas within the settlement hierarchy (Galway MASP). | a Tuam Ballinasloe |
| 3 Strat | - | Large economically active service centre that provides employment for the surrounding areas | Athenry |
| 4 Self S | e | Self Sustaining Towns with high levels of population growth and a limited employment base which are reliant on other areas for employment and/or services and which require targeted "catch-up" investment to become more sustaining. | Gort Loughrea |
| 5 Smal | r e | promote regeneration and revitalisation of towns and support local enterprise and employment opportunities to ensure their viability as service centres for surrounding rural areas | |
| 3 Smal | all Growth Villages S | | An Chearthrú Rua An Spidéal Ballygar Dunmore Glenamaddy Kinvara Moylough |
| 7 Rura Cour | untryside c | open countryside. There may not be good public transport or regional connections and maybe highly car dependent. The open countryside provides for rural economies and rural communities, based on agriculture, forestry, tourism and rural enterprise. | Mór, Lackagh, Turloughmore, Abbeyknockmoy, Cluain Bú, Éanach Dhúin, |
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Where we live?

Aims from three relevant chapters

"The promotion of a balanced urban and rural county that ensures future growth is based on the principles of sustainable development, delivering a high quality living and working environment meeting the needs of all residents"

Chapter 3: Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living

"To develop the urban and rural settlements of the county as vibrant, connected and serviced locations that are attractive places to live, work and visit in a sustainable manner, based on the principles of placemaking, compact growth, high quality public realm where residential developments are connected to services and employment locations"

Chapter 4: Rural Living and Development

"Support the role of rural areas in maintaining a stable population base through a strong network of villages and small towns and strengthening rural communities by supporting a resilient rural economy and the sustainable management of land and resources"



Where we live ?

Where to find relevant policy objectives and zoning maps?-

Urban Areas-Towns and Villages:

Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy;

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✓ Volume 2 Settlement Plan with zoning maps

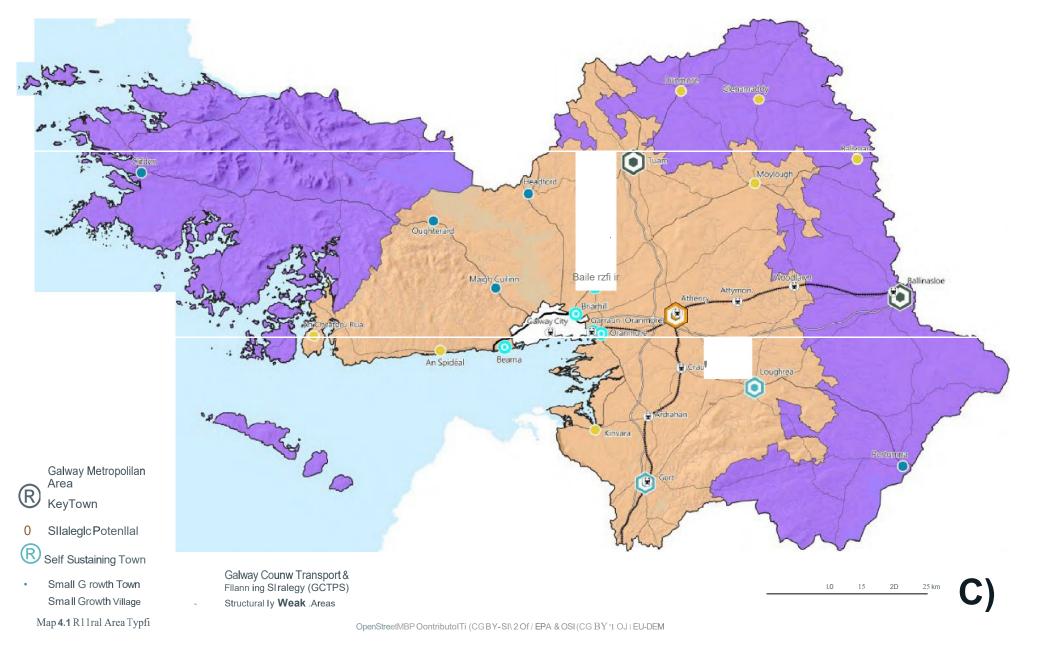
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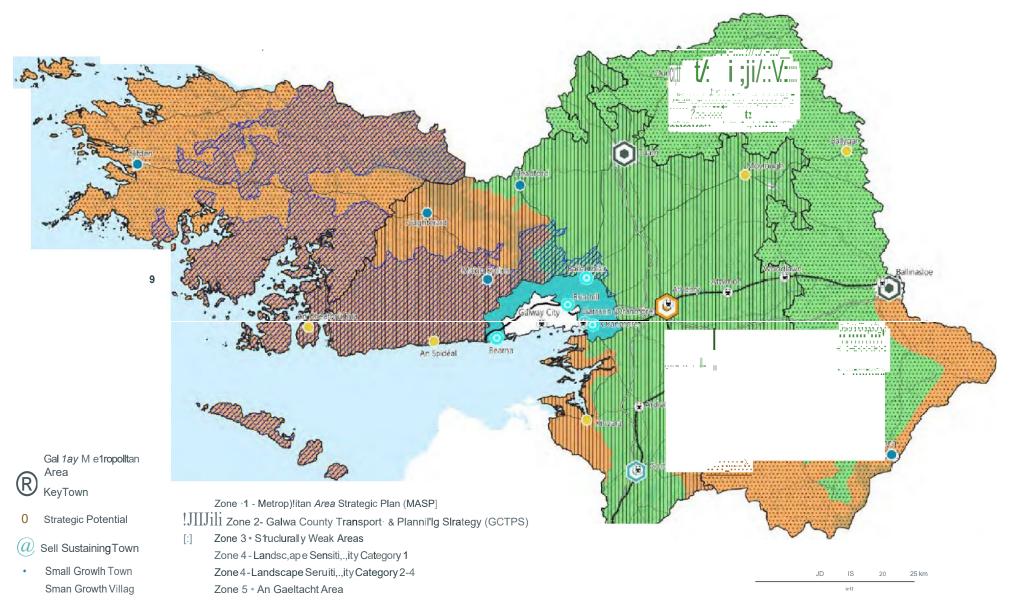
Where we live?

- Level 7 category of the Settlement Hierarchy-Serviced and Unserviced Villages
- **Structurally Weak Areas**
- ↓ Landscape Categories 2,3 and 4









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Volume 1-Where we work and Employment Opportunities

Aims from the three relevant Chapters

Chapter 4: Rural Living and Development

"Support the role of rural areas in maintaining a stable population base through a strong network of villages and small towns and strengthening rural communities by supporting a resilient rural economy and the sustainable management of land and resources"

Chapter 5: Economic Development, Enterprise and Retail Development

"To develop and build on the economic strengths and assets of the county as a thriving, competitive and attractive place for a range of sectors to locate, based on the principles of a well-established economic base that is highly appealing to both investors and employees"

Chapter 8: Tourism and Landscape

"To encourage the development of the tourism sector as an economic driver for the County whilst ensuring the landscapes which are one of the county's most important assets are protected"



Volume 1-Where we work

Where to find relevant policy objectives and zoning maps?-

Chapter 4: Rural Living and Development

Rural Development-

Agriculture, Agri-DiversificationHorticulture, Forestry, EquineCommercial Developments, Mineral Extraction and Quarries;

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Chapter 5: Economic Development, Enterprise and Retail Development

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Chapter 8: Tourism and Landscape

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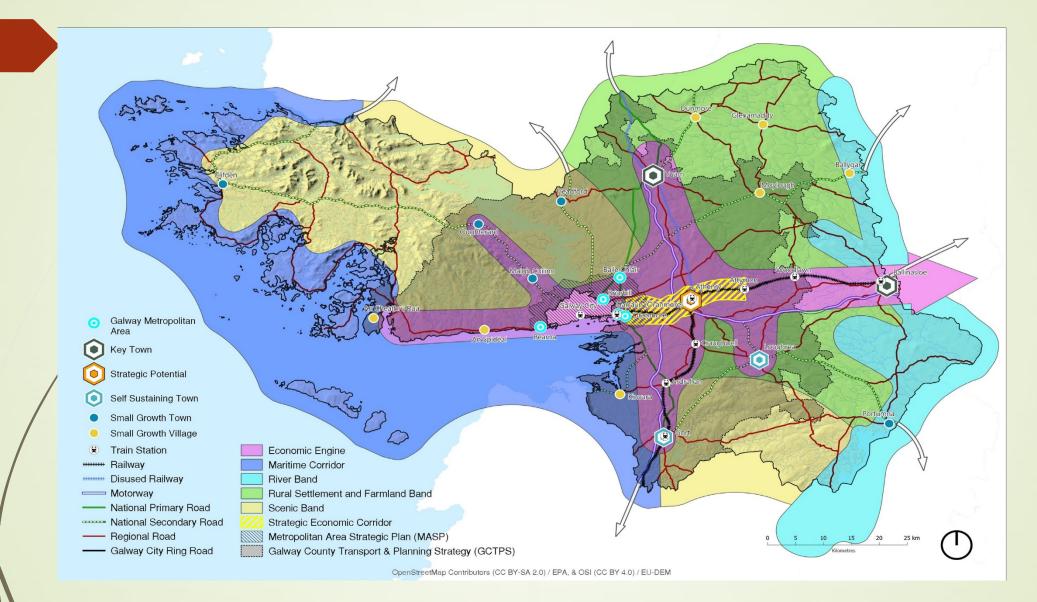


Economic Profile and Jobs Ratio of Settlements

- ↓ Total employment increased with 8.5% growth;
- Some 61.3% of Galway County's adults are in the labour force, either working or looking for work, close to the national average (61.9%). The 85,054 people who are in the county's labour force represents a 0.6% increase on the 2011 figure, compared with 3.2% growth nationally. The share of Galway County's adults who are 'at work' (54.1%) is above the national average, while the share unemployed is somewhat lower;
- As this Plan seeks to foster employment creation and maximise the jobs potential in growth towns throughout the county and achieve greater alignment between population and employment opportunities it is a high level policy objective to work toward a jobs ratio of 0.70 and above for our main urban areas.



| Settlement Hierarchy | Settlement | Economic Role | Approach in the CDP |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Metropolitan Towns | Baile Chláir Bearna Oranmore Garraun*Framework Briarhill*Framework Former Airport Site | Deliver where possible, sustainable jobs and housing in this area of development pressure. | Identify investment required to align employment and residential development. |
| Key Towns | Tuam Ballinasloe | Regionally strategic employment centres of significant scale that can act as regional drivers that complement and support the higher-order urban areas within the settlement hierarchy (ie. Regional Growth Centres and Galway Metropolitan Area). They also have the potential to accommodate a significant level of growth in population and employment through appropriate investment in infrastructure, support services and placemaking initiatives. | Facilitated projected jobs growth through adequate quantity and quality of employment zoned land |
| Strategic Potential | Athenry | A place of strategic potential with the opportunity to provide appropriately zoned land with adequate infrastructural services to accommodate enterprise e.g. Economic Corridor from Oranmore to Athenry. Economic corridors particularly employment corridors such as the Oranmore – Athenry Strategic corridor must be developed/promoted and serviced to high international standards to attract further Foreign Direct Investment and indigenous industries/ businesses, building on the existing strategic location and infrastructure. This corridor will be promoted sustainably as a centre for major national and international enterprises in a manner that shall be further defined in local planning policies. | |
| Self Sustaining Towns | Gort Loughrea | Moderate level of jobs and services | Adequate quantity and quality of employment land |
| Small Growth Towns | Clifden Maigh Cuilinn Oughterard Portumna Headford | High levels of population growth and a weak employment base./ Local service and employment functions in close proximity to higher order urban areas. | Improve employment prospects and sustainable transport options |





- The primary centre identified for growth in the region is the Galway Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan.
- This also includes the former Airport Site identified as key Growth Enabler for Galway within the NPF
- The RSES acknowledges that Oranmore forms a significant proportion of the land supply and can accommodate future large scale employment. These lands benefit from being easily accessible due to the improvement of the wider road network in the form of the M6 and M17/M18 motorways



Sectors, Clusters and Employment Opportunities

- ↓ ICT and Digital Enterprise
- ↓ Life Science (Medtech, Pharma, Biotech, Healthcare)
- Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering



Volume 1-Infrastructure

Aims from the Three relevant chapters

Chapter 6 Transport and Movement

"To encourage investment and improvements across all sectors of transport that will support targeted population, economic growth and more sustainable modes of travel including, walking, cycling and public transport"

Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Utilities and Environmental Protection

"To support and encourage investment and improvement in utilities, water, wastewater, electricity and gas infrastructure and support the development and enhancement of digital infrastructure"

Chapter 14 Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Energy

"To reduce the carbon footprint by integrating climate action into the planning system in support of national targets, support indigenous renewable sources in order to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and improve security of supply and the move to a competitive low carbon economy"



Volume 1-Infrastructure

Where to find relevant policy objectives

Chapter 6: Transport and Movement

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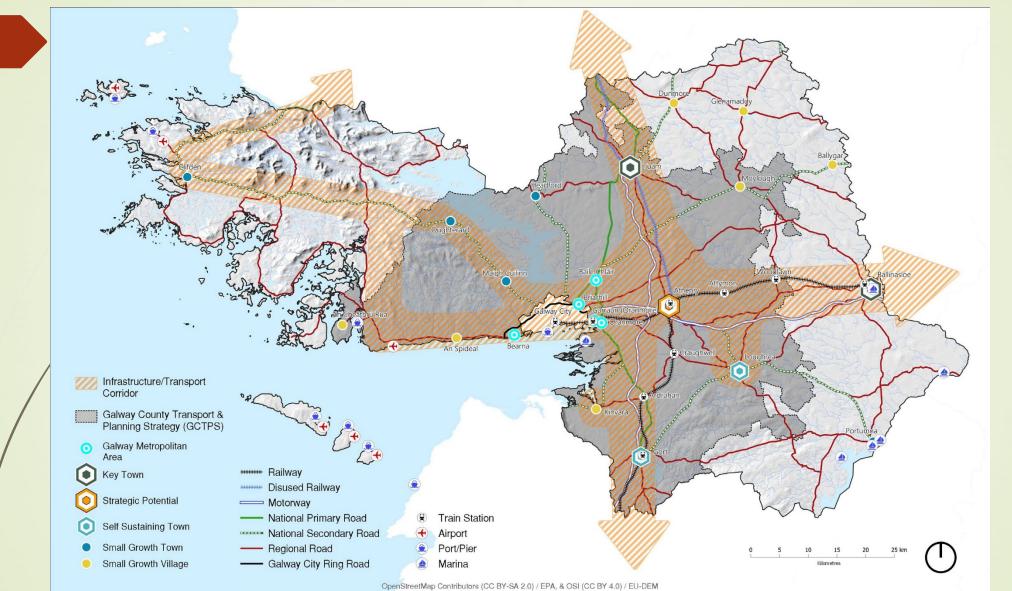
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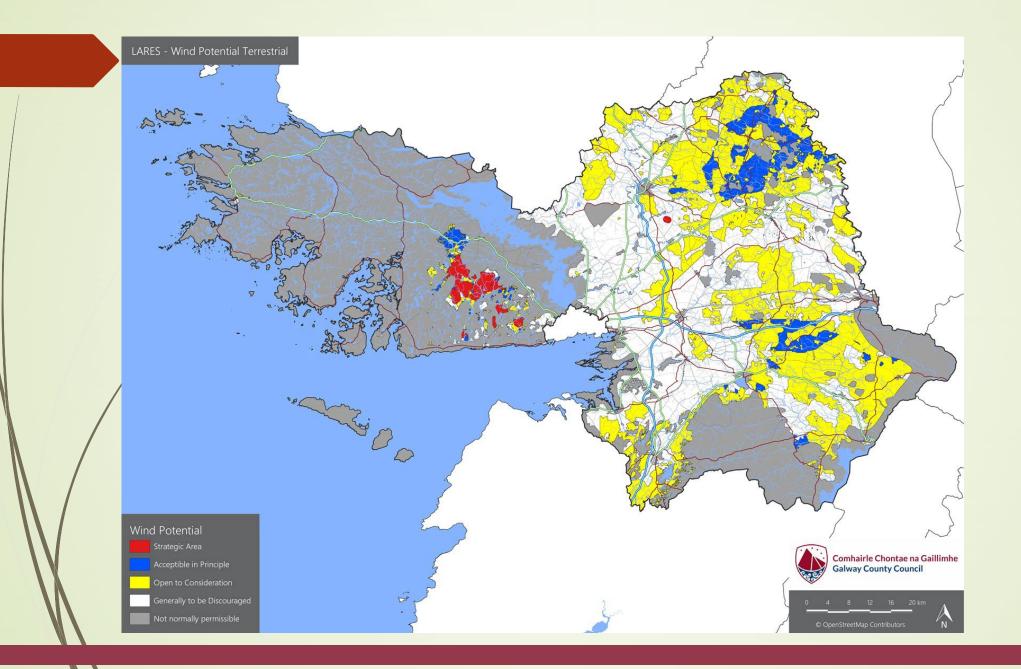
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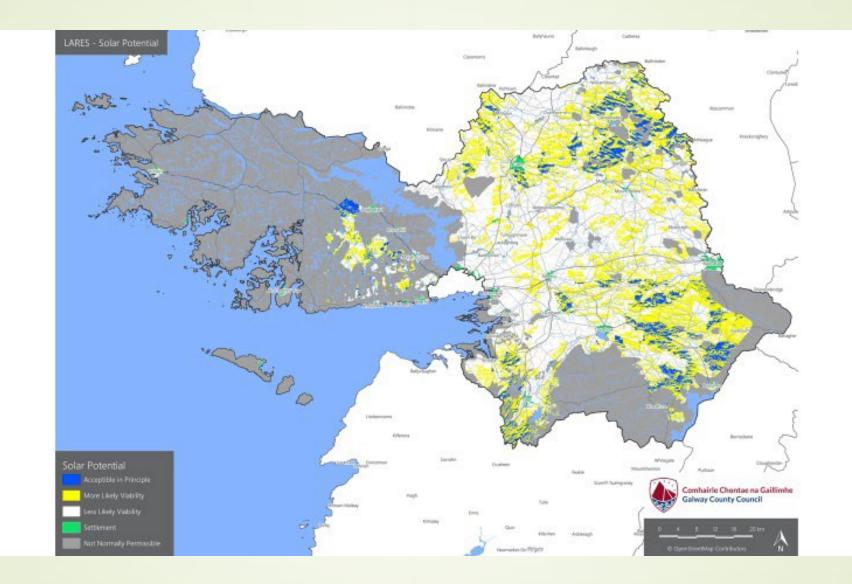
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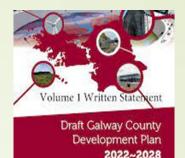








Volume 1-Natural Assets



Aims from the relevant Chapters

□ Chapter 8 Tourism and Landscape

"To encourage the development of the tourism sector as an economic driver for the County whilst ensuring the landscapes which are one of the county's most important assets are protected"

Chapter 9 Marine and Coastal Management

"The marine and coastal environment is a living and active ecosystem that requires care and attention. Harnessing the potential of the marine sector as a national asset is a priority while addressing the potential threat of coastal flooding and the challenges associated with the coastal edge"

Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure

"To contribute towards the protection, conservation and management of biodiversity and natural heritage including sites designated at national and EU Level and protected species and habitats outside of designated sites and to develop a green/blue infrastructure network in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the county"



Volume 1-Natural Assets

Where to find relevant policy objectives

Chapter 8: Tourism and Landscape

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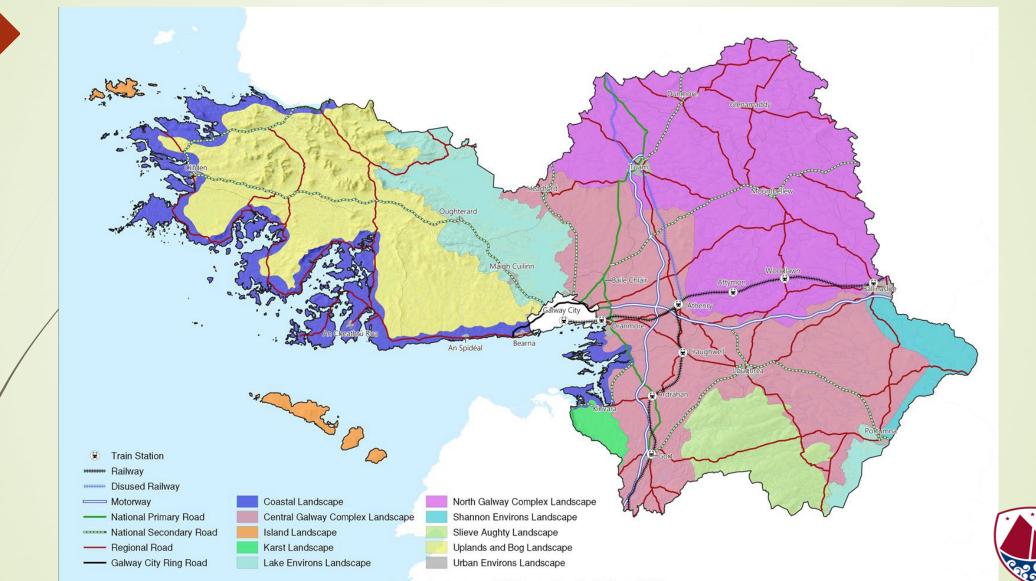
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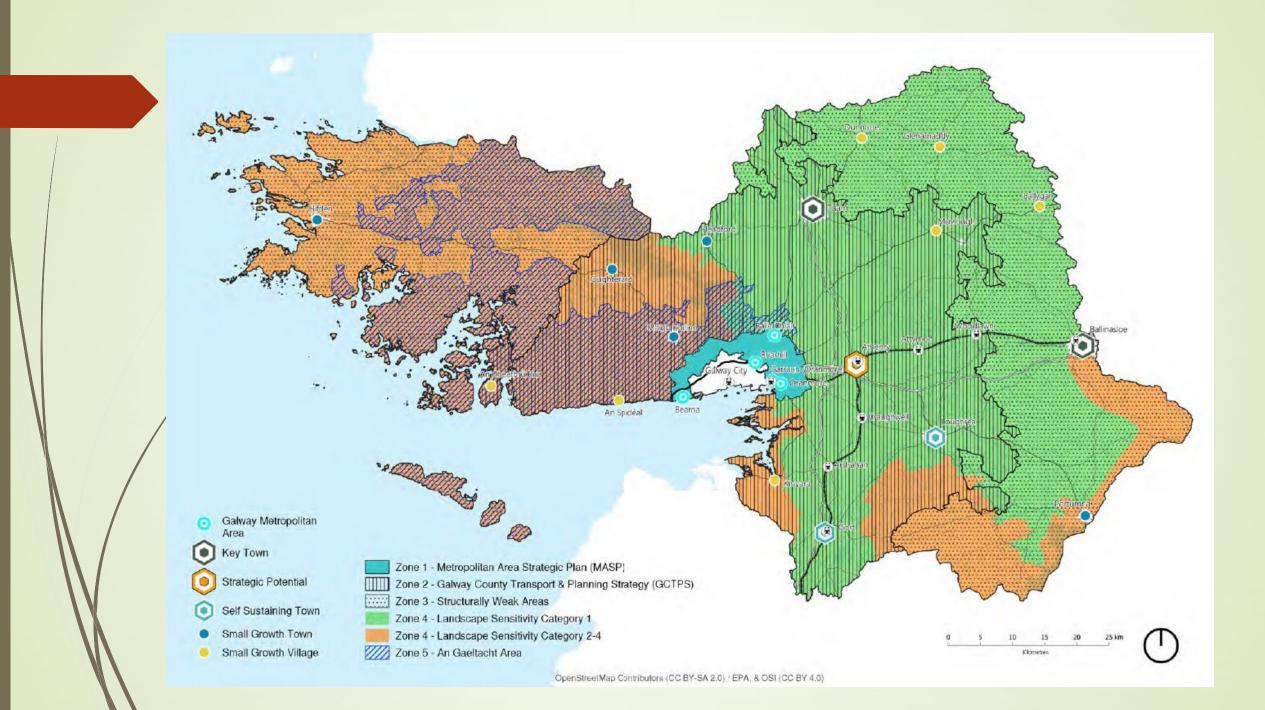
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Volume 1-Cultural and Social Assets



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Aims from the relevant Chapters

Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure

"To promote and develop healthy and sustainable communities, with access to a wide range of good quality social, community, healthcare, educational and cultural facilities that meet both current and future needs and where, through a commitment to equality, participation, accessibility and social inclusion, the County develops as a unique location that improve people's quality of life"

Chapter 12 Architectural, Archaeological and Cultural Heritage

"Conserve, enhance, manage and protect the architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage as key social, economic and cultural assets which are an integral part of the county and safeguard these valuable resources through proper management, sensitive enhancement and appropriate development. Recognise the important role that the arts and cultural can play in making a place as attractive area to live, work and enjoy"

Chapter 13 The Galway Gaeltacht and Islands

"The Galway Gaeltacht and Islands are unique and special places, with their distinctive cultural heritage and natural beauty. The needs and aspiration of residents and visitors will be to the forefront of future developments within this unique and vibrant setting"



Volume 1-Cultural and Social Assets

Where to find relevant policy objectives

Chapter 11: Community Development and Social Infrastructure

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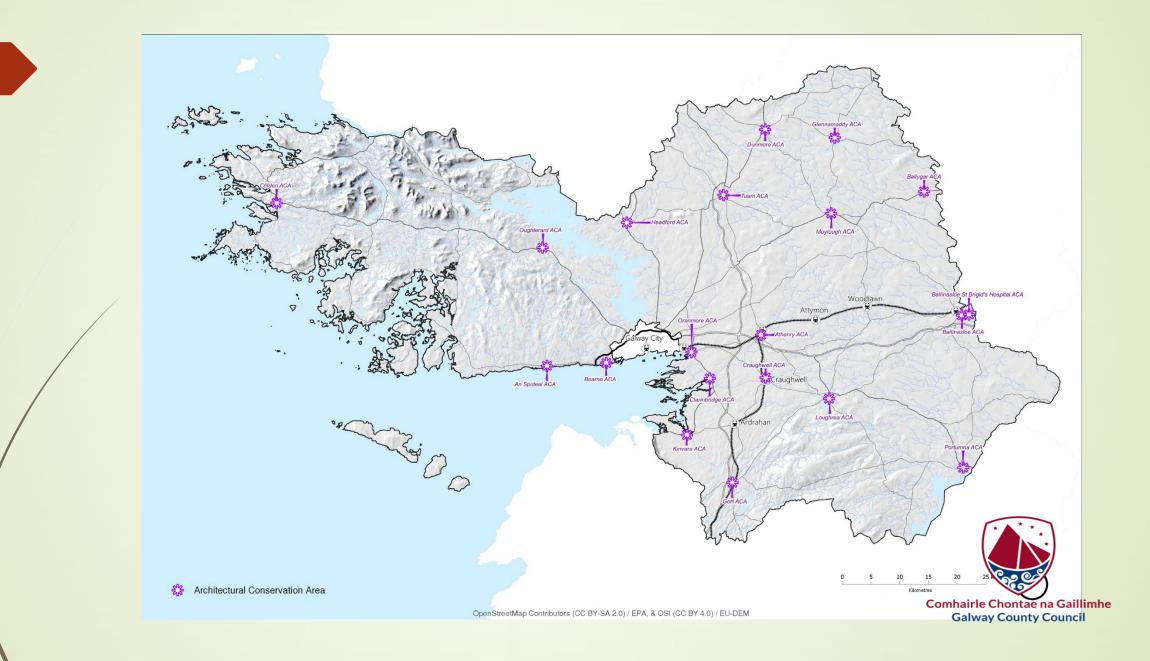
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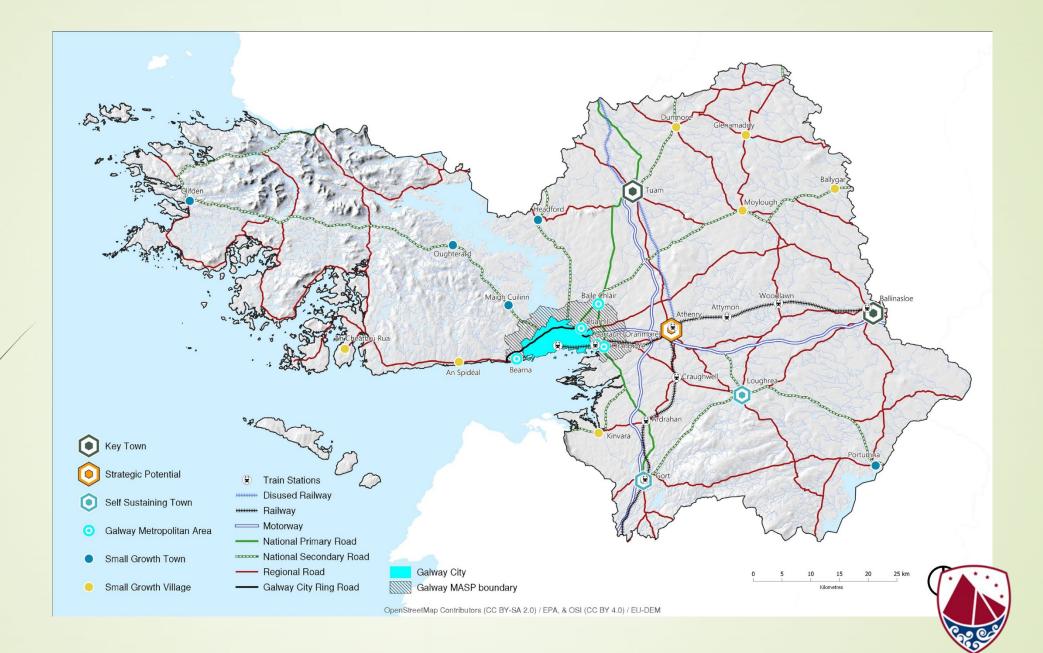




Volume 2 – Settlement Plans



| | Level | Hierarchy | Settlement | Current Status |
|--|-------|------------------------------|--|---|
| | | Metropolitan | See Section 2 Baile Chláir | Baile Chláir Metropolitan Plan 2022 - 2028 |
| | | | Bearna | Bearna Metropolitan Plan 2022 - 2028 |
| | 1 | | Oranmore | Oranmore Metropolitan 2022 – 2028 |
| | | | Garraun Briarhill | Urban Framework-Garraun Urban Framework- Briarhill |
| | 2 | Key Towns | Ballinasloe | Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021 Review of this LAP to commence in Q3 2021. |
| | | | Tuam | Tuam Local Area Plan 2018 – 2024 Review of this LAP to commence in Q4 2021. |
| | 3 | Place of Strategic Potential | Athenry | Athenry Local Area Plan 2012 – 2022 Review of this LAP to commence in Q42021 |
| | 4 | Self Sustaining Towns | Gort/Loughrea | Gort Local Area Plan Loughrea Local Area Plan 2012 – 2022. Review of this LAP to comment in Q4 2021 |
| | 5 | Small Growth Towns | Clifden Headford Maigh Cuilinn Oughterard Portumna | See Section 3 Small Growth Town Settlement Plans |
| | 6 | Small Growth Villages | An Cheathrú Rua An Spidéal Ballygar Dunmore Glenamaddy | See Section 4 Small Growth Village Settlement Plans |
| | | | Moylough | Comhairle Chontae na Gaillim Galway County Council |



Volume 2 Metropolitan Strategic Plan

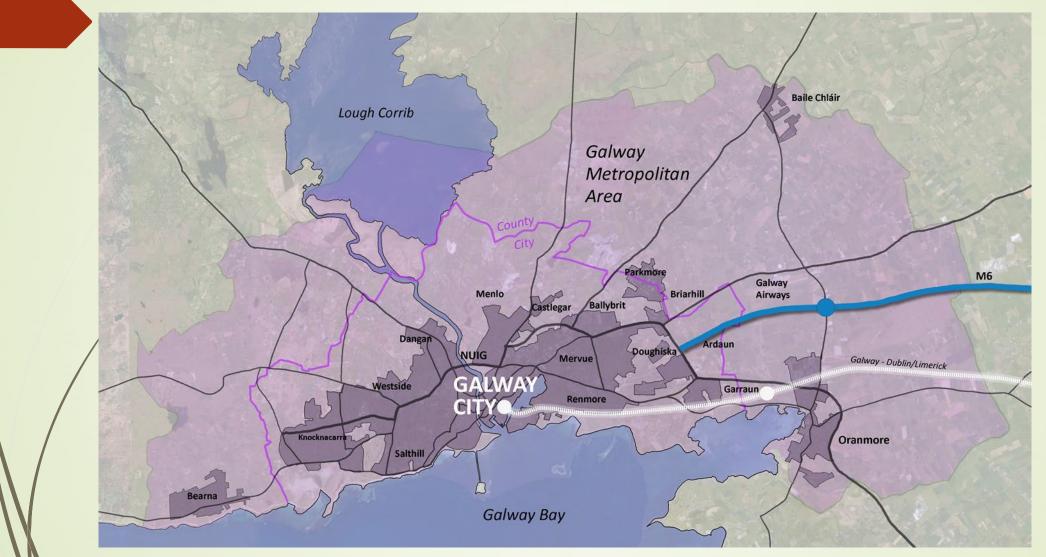
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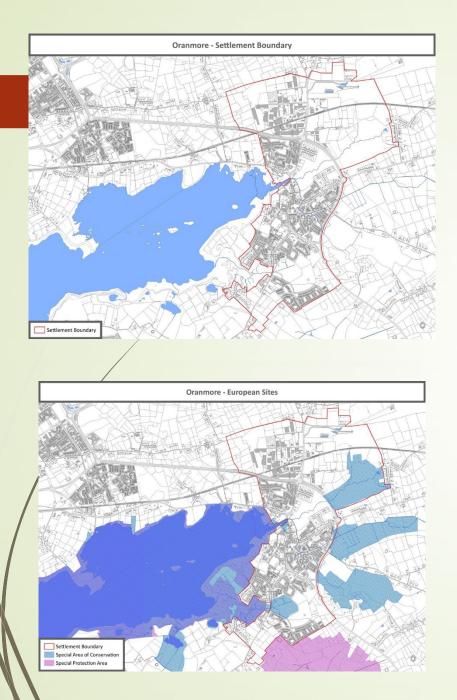
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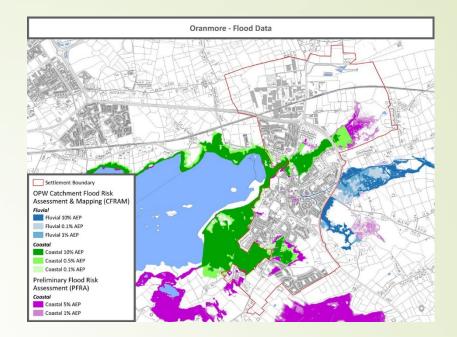


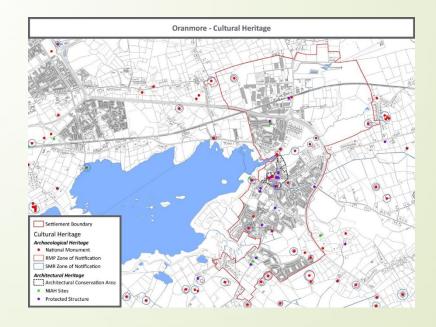


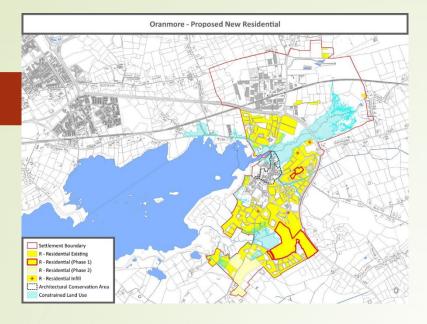
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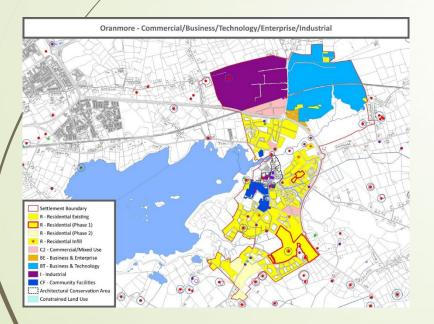
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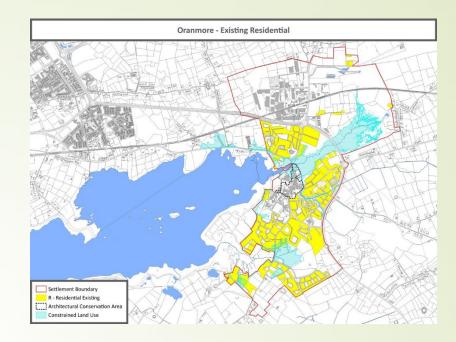


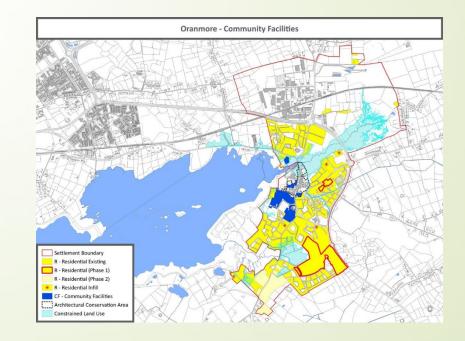












Volume 2 Small Growth Town

- ₣ Headford
- ✓ Oughterard
- Fortumna

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Volume 2 Small Growth Towns

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Volume 2 Small Growth Village

- An Cheathrú Rua
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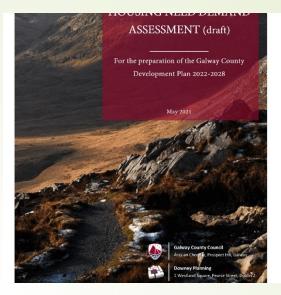
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- Appendix 2: Housing Strategy and Housing Demand and Needs Assessment
- <u>Appendix 3: Galway County Transport and</u>
 <u>Planning Strategy</u>
- Appendix 4: Landscape Character Assessment
- Appendix 5: Design guidelines for the single rural house
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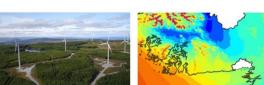
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Environmental Documents

- ✓ <u>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</u>
- Strategic Environmental <u>Assessment Report</u>
- SEA Environmental Report Appendix III - Non-Technical Summary

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Conclusion

F Remember 30th July 2021 is the last date to make a submission/observation



Have your say

Galway County Council hereby invites any interested parties to <u>make submissions or</u> <u>observations</u> regarding the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, in writing / electronically via the website, to the Planning Authority **between the 20**th **May 2021 until Friday 30**th **July 2021 (both dates inclusive).**

Make a submission

Submissions or observations may be made either:

Online

Here in electronic format on the dedicated website at https://consult.galway.ie/ by using the 'Make a Submission' link.

Or

In Writing

In writing to: Planning Department, Galway County Council, Åras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway. (Correspondence to be marked 'Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028)

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or via the website.

The deadline for receipt of all submissions is 4.30pm on Friday 30th July 2021

