Delivering Spatial Development

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NSS High Level Objectives

• Better spread of job opportunities …

• Better quality of life …

• Better places to live in …

• How?

  ➢ Strong Gateways = strong regions
  ➢ Strengthening regions through structured prioritised investment…
  ➢ Putting strategies in place for the Gateways…
  ➢ Better co-ordination …and better local planning…
Achievements so far

- NDP and other programme alignments realising DEHLG/Forfás gateway priorities
- RPGs and planning hierarchy - consistency
- LUTS adopted in gateways – thinking strategically
- Atlantic Gateway collaboration
- All-island strategic planning
- Policy developments
  - Building Homes, Sustaining Communities
  - Guidelines - development plans; sustainable residential development; rural housing.
Considerable challenges remain

- **Are strategies being delivered, and having good effect?**
  - Some better than others? Why?

- **Is investment going to the right places?**
  - NDP prioritisation; GIF

- **Have we the tools to deliver?**
  - Gateway/hub implementation teams
  - Consistency in planning hierarchy

- **Have we an accurate picture of trends?**
  - Forfás/DEHLG gateway reports and hubs study
  - NDP/NSS monitoring – expenditure, impacts and trends
**Consistency in Plans**

- **The ultimate test of NSS is whether principles and results are delivering on the ground.**
- **The Development Plan – the policy context for planning at local level…**
- **Plans need to have:**
  - clear vision – realistic ambition – good linkages – strong on implementation
- **New guidelines on development plans and sustainable residential development.**
- **Further interventions sometimes necessary.**
Many getting strategic context right
... Sligo County Plan

- Hierarchy feeding into zonings and investment decisions
- Long-term vision for growth/consolidation
Gateway Innovation Fund

- Additional to significant Exchequer investment in gateways
- €300m GIF for 2008-2010…
  - Targeted, added value intervention to stimulate joined-up planning for/delivery of accelerated development in gateways
  - proposals received from all 9 gateways and evaluation ongoing
- Qualifying expenditure: integrated regeneration, green transport initiatives, measures to release strategic blocks of land, quality of life investments
- Initiative strengthens implementation mechanisms available for Gateway strategies
Developing Areas Initiative

- Responsibility for “developing areas” assigned to Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal

- Link between NSS/RPGs and “Building Homes, Sustaining Communities”

- 35 strategic, fast growing areas in gateways and hubs identified

- Process, outcomes and actions
Concept to Reality...
## Key assessments and actions needed

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Committed | Pending (details?) | Not committed (why?)
Atlantic Gateways

**Phase 1** - implementing existing plans at Gateway level

**Phase 2** - looking at areas between Gateways

- Planned public transport oriented growth
- Economic development
- Infrastructure
- Rural Development

**Phase 3** - Creating another strong metropolitan corridor...

FIGURE 9 - Atlantic Gateways: Phase III Ireland's Second Metropolitan Corridor.
Some priorities for 2008

• GIF projects approved and up and running

• Progress Developing Areas Initiative
  - Baseline assessments and GIS database
  - Address critical blockages to delivery

• Publish and integrate Atlantic Gateway corridor frameworks into development plans etc.

• Planning consistency and delivery

• Effective NSS/NDP regional development monitoring template

• Continue to work effectively with LAs
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