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**Ireland  
2040  
Our Plan**



NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

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# **Ireland 2040 – Our Plan Issues and Choices**

**Briefing for AILG, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

# Ireland 2040 Initial Consultation

## Contents:-

- 1: Where we are at in the Process
- 2: Key Challenges
- 3: Issues and Choices – Key Questions

# Where we are at in the Process

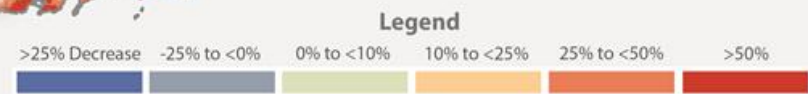
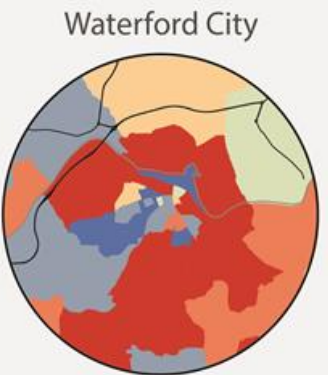
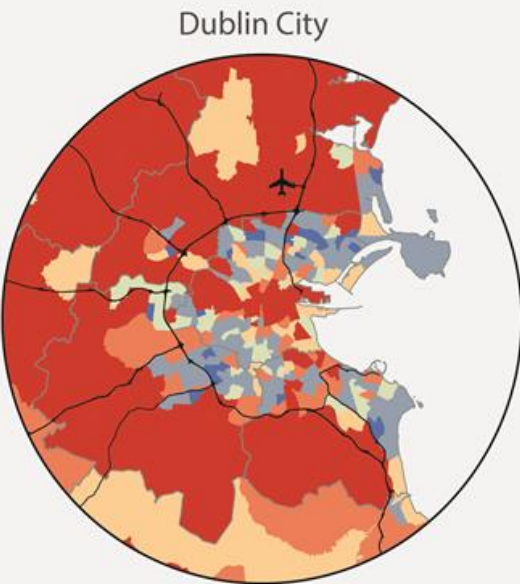
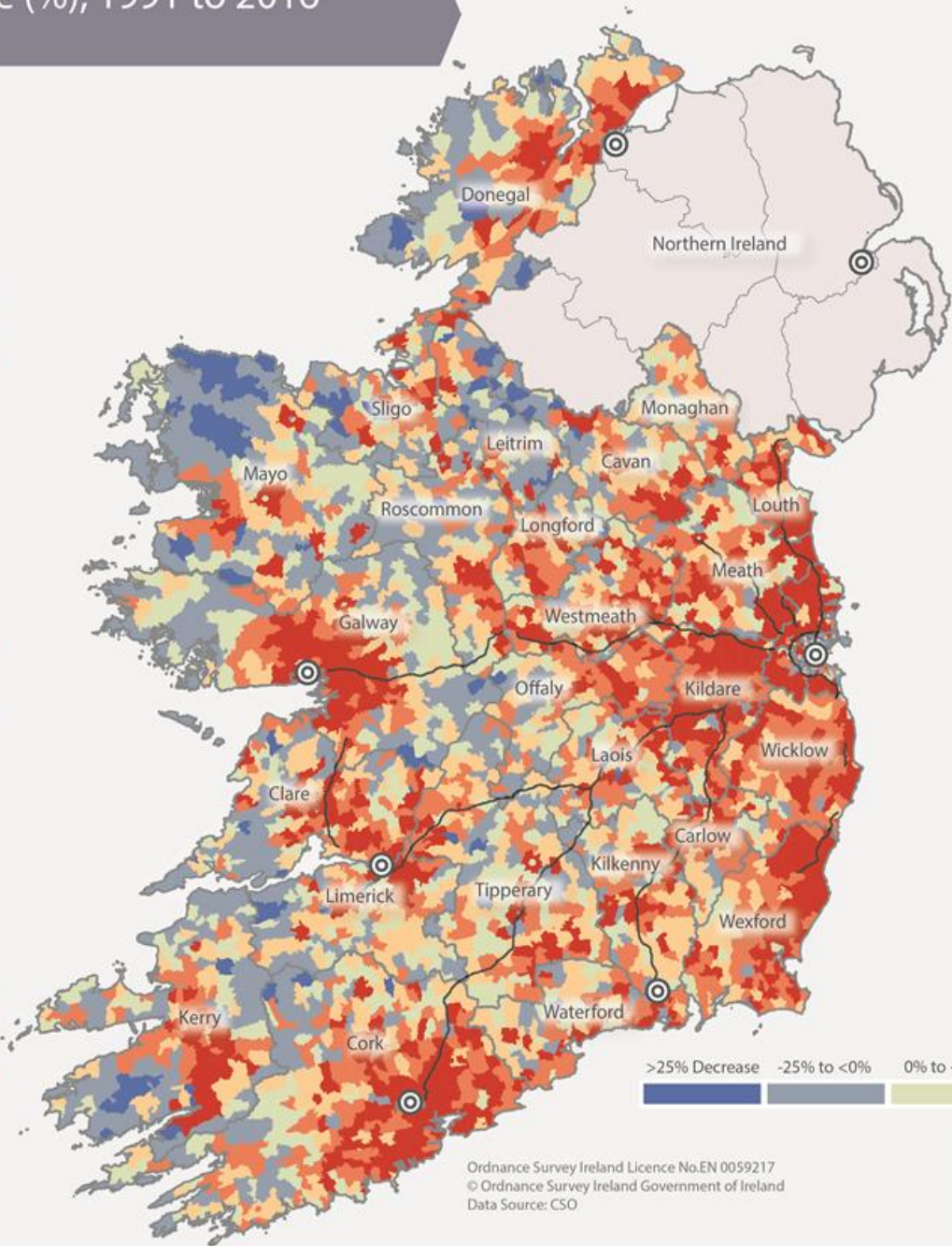
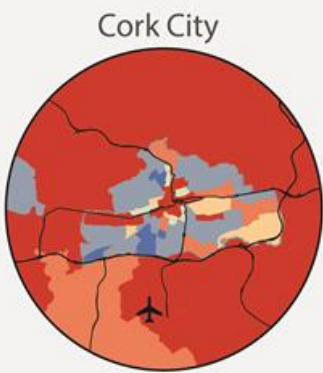
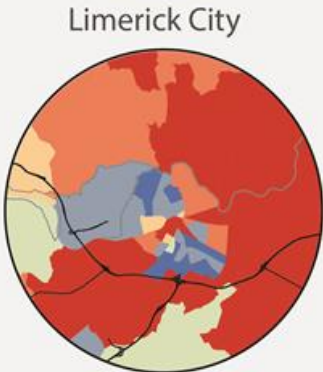
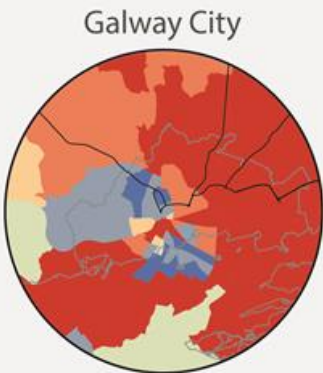
- **Issues and Choices Paper** - overview to inform and prompt national discussion
- **Consultation** - engagement with stakeholders, including regions, local government, third level sector and schools
- **Research and Analysis** - ongoing, but nothing drafted so far
- **Submissions** - In writing or on-line to [npf.gov.ie](http://npf.gov.ie) by 12 noon on 16<sup>th</sup> March
- **Next Stages** - Draft Framework for consultation before the Summer, Amended Draft for Oireachtas consideration in the Autumn
- **Planning Bill** – Passed second stage, committee stage April

## Schedule – Regional Events

Regional Assembly Area	Date	Venue
North and West	17 <sup>th</sup> February	Sligo
Eastern and Midland	21 <sup>st</sup> February	Ballymun
Southern	27 February or 6 <sup>th</sup> March, tbc	Waterford

# Population Change (%), 1991 to 2016

By Electoral Division (ED)



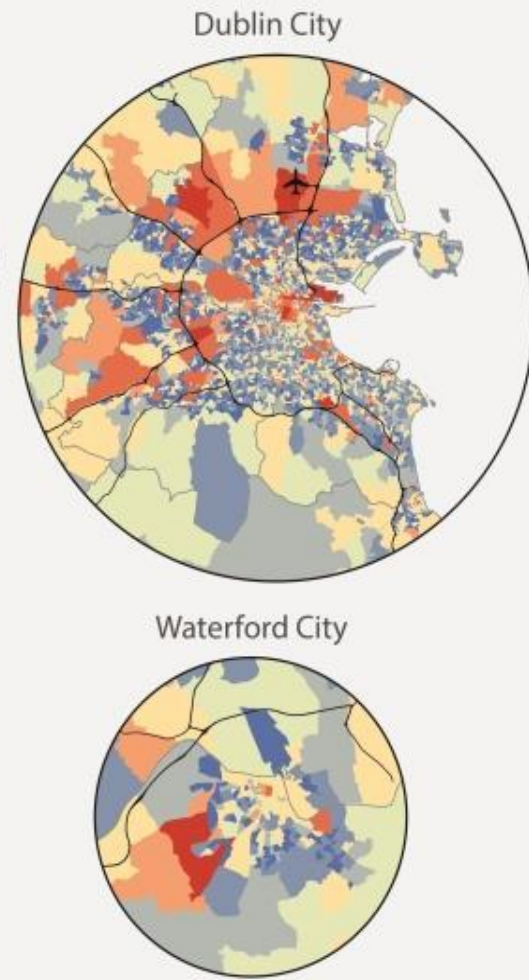
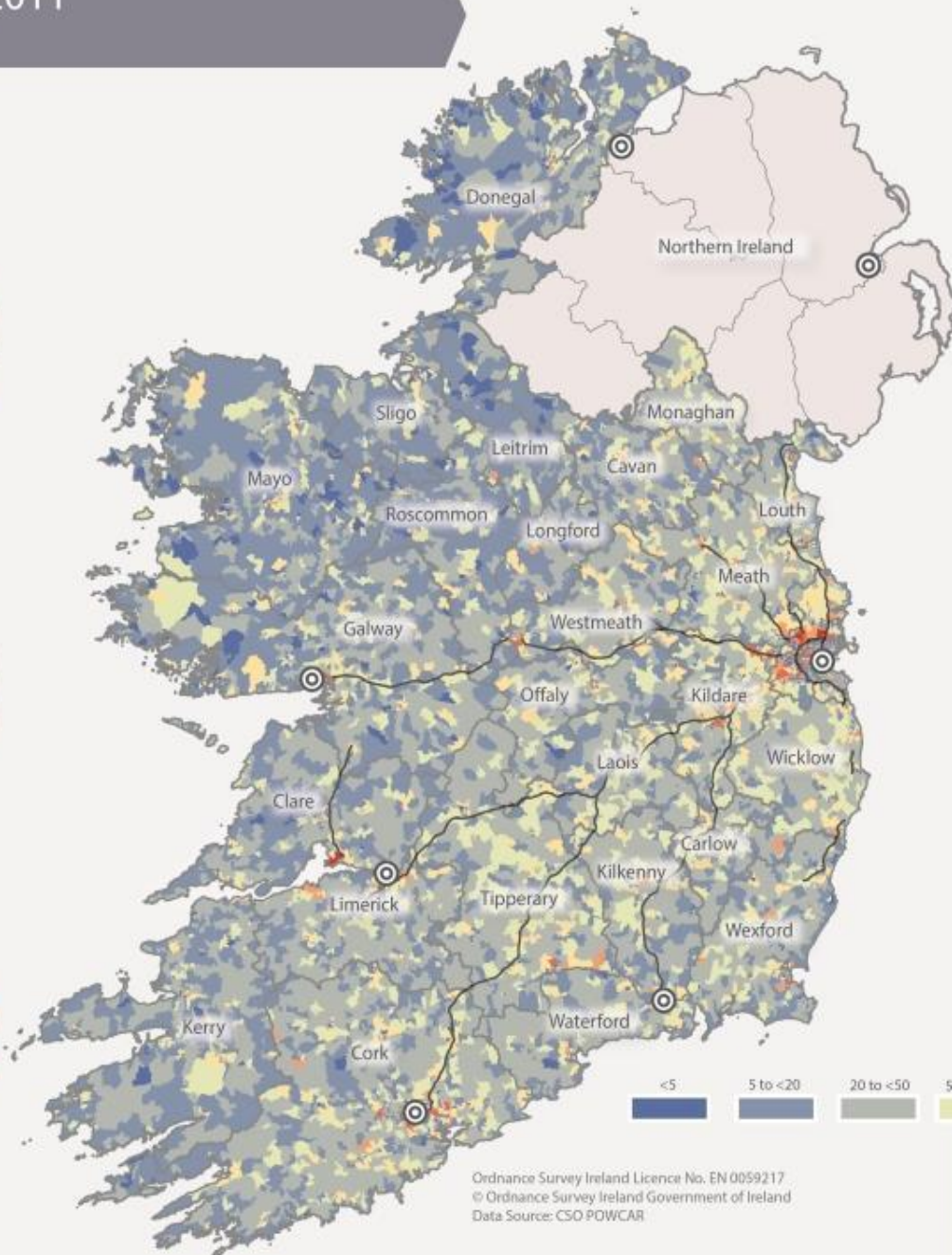
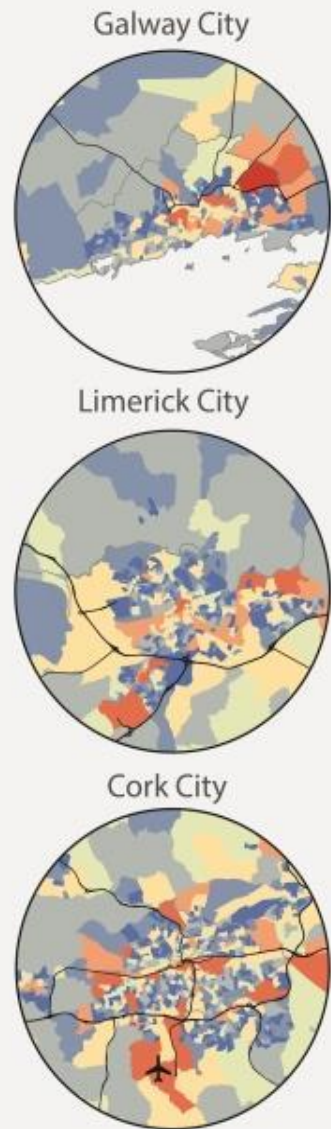
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# Location of Jobs, 2011

By Small Area (SA)



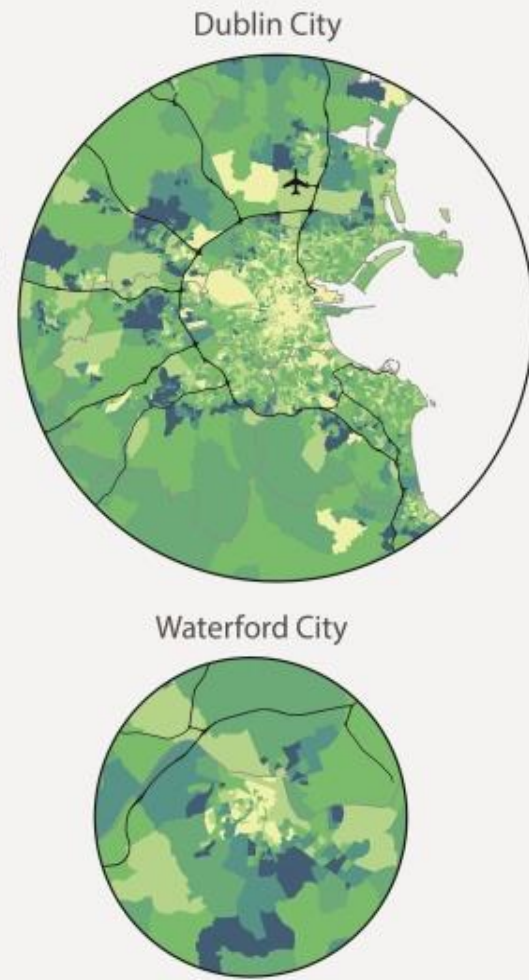
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# % Population 0-14 Years, 2011

By Small Area (SA)

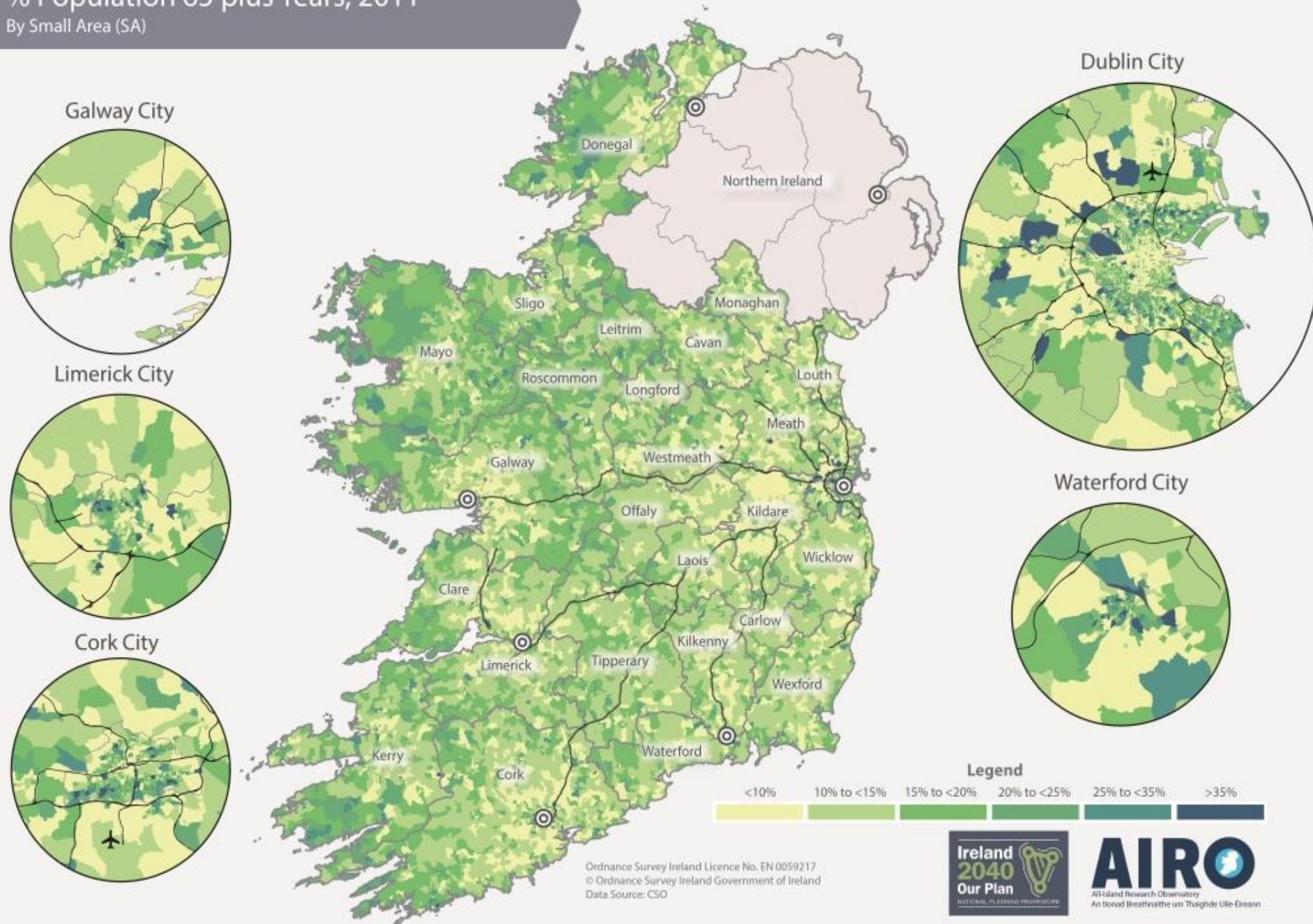


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# % Population 65 plus Years, 2011

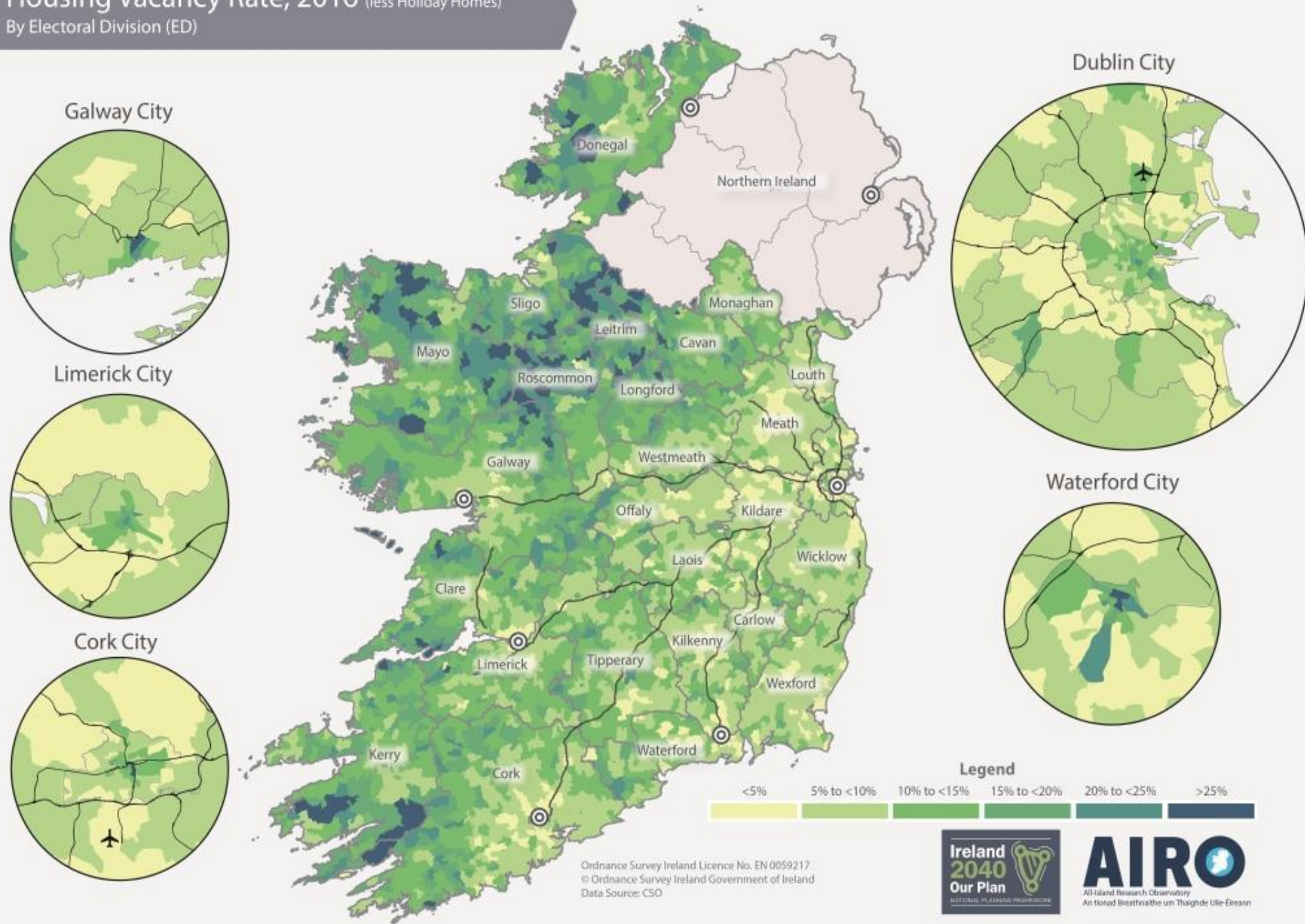
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# Housing Vacancy Rate, 2016 (less Holiday Homes)

By Electoral Division (ED)



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# Ireland 2040 – Future Growth

## Modelled Projections:-

- >5.6 million people
- 25% aged over 65
- >500,000 more jobs
- Minimum 500,000 more homes
- ‘Business as Usual or...?’

# Place Making Challenges

- **What *should* Ireland look like in 2040?** – long term plan to build on other actions and strategies, multiple challenges
- **Shared Goals** - improving our quality of life and well-being, prosperity and competitiveness, responding to climate change
- **Planning** – prevent overdevelopment and sprawl, ensure rural and urban regeneration, encourage *effective* regional development
- **Regions/Narrative** – unlocking the potential of regions, cities and towns whilst protecting Dublin's key national/international role
- **Delivery/Alignment** - Providing a better context for strategic and social infrastructural investment, link to Capital Plan



# Issues and Choices Paper

## Summary Contents:-

- 1: People's Health and Well Being
- 2: 'Placemaking' – Cities, Regional, Rural etc.
- 3: Environment & Climate Action
- 4: Social & Strategic Infrastructure
- 5: Implementation

# People's Health and Well Being

## Issue

Environment and lifestyle related to place are key determinants of health and well-being; people are living longer but are their qualities of life better?

## Key Question

What are our top priorities in making better places from a health and well-being perspective?

# Place Making – Cities

## Issue

A key difference between Ireland and other small developed countries as well as elsewhere, is the comparative weakness of the ‘next tier’ of cities and their associated regions

## Key Question

How might we seek to promote one or more strong regional complements to Dublin that can address their whole city-region?



# Place Making – Regions

## Issue

The term ‘balanced regional development’ has led to a perception of diverting resources from one area to another to make up for an imbalance, as a form of equalisation which is simply not realistic

## Key Question

What are the levers for effective regional development e.g. what regional ‘propositions’ will realistically build stronger regions and how can we put them into effect?

# Place Making – Rural

## Issue

The nature of rural communities and the rural economy has changed, with many towns and villages undermined by a hollowing out of their centres, commuter driven rapid residential expansion and longer term trends towards decline in more peripheral locations

## Key Question

How can the range and quality of resources that exist in rural areas be leveraged to support national economic growth, climate action objectives and breathe new life into under-utilised town and village centres?

# Place Making – All Island Context

## Issue

Interactions between people and places, sectors infrastructure and landscape do not follow administrative boundaries and require a coherent approach to cross-border networks

## Key Question

Now more than ever, how can we identify and develop the opportunities exist that can benefit both jurisdictions in conjunction with our colleagues in Northern Ireland?



# Protecting Our Unique Environment

## Issue

If Ireland is to make up for lost ground in relation to carbon reduction targets and move towards the objective of a low carbon and climate resilient Ireland by 2050, we must make key choices about where and how future growth happens

## Key Question

How do we support a transition to a low carbon and climate resilient economy and what planning policy measures are needed to achieve this?

# Investment in Infrastructure

## Issue

Ireland 2040 will not be an investment framework but will provide spatial clarity and an effective way to co-ordinate sectoral priorities within future Capital Investment Plans which will make specific investment decisions.

## Key Question

How should investment on new physical and social infrastructure be co-ordinated and sequenced to deliver agreed objectives under Ireland 2040 and in an economically realistic yet transformational way?

# Implementation

## Issue

Implementing Ireland 2040 will be as important as preparing it. We will need to be clear on how it will be implemented, who will implement it, what outcomes are sought and how they will be measured

## Key Question

What barriers exist to implementation, how can they be overcome and how can good planning outcomes be better recognised and rewarded?



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## Share Your Views

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