

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Issues Paper

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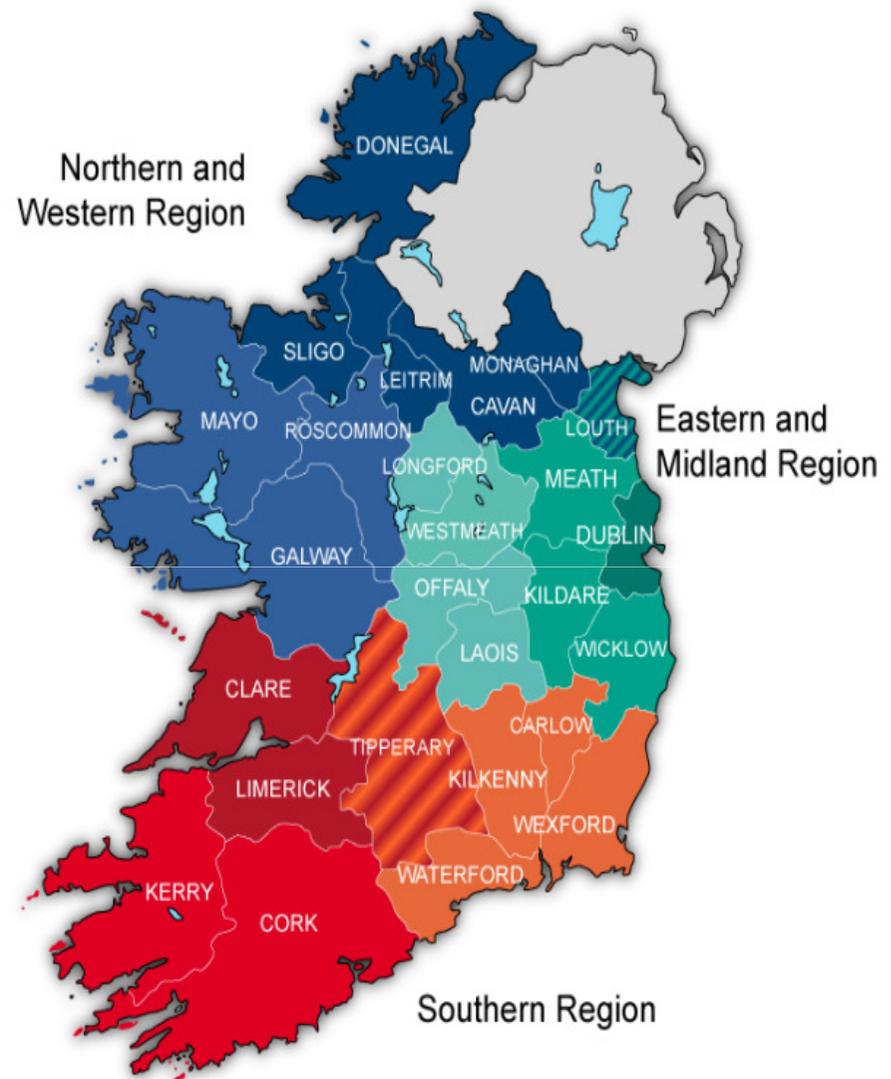
- **Published:** 20th November 2017
- **Purpose of issues paper:** to seek public views on what should be included in the strategy
- **Purpose of Strategy:** support the implementation of the NPF (**still draft**)
- **Local Impact:** RSES will influence and guide Limericks Development Plan and LAPs over next 12 years
- **Content:** location form and density of housing, location of employment, Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans, key growth enablers



Proposed Timeframe for RSES preparation

- Submissions on issues paper 26th January 2018
- Public consultation on draft RSES May 2018
- Public consultation on amendments September 2018
- Making of RSES December 2018
- Previous Regional Guidelines prepared over 2 year period!!!

- The Southern Region consists of the administrative areas of Carlow, Cork, Clare, Kerry, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wexford County Councils, Limerick City and County Council, Waterford City and County Council and Cork City Council.
- The region is sub-divided into three Strategic Planning Areas (SPAs) and separate strategic planning area committees have been established in respect of each strategic planning area within the region.
- Mid West SPA – Limerick, Clare and Tipperary



Issues paper states RSES will include policies on:

- Co-ordination and alignment of **population and jobs growth**.
- Preparation of **Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans (MASPs)** for the Cork, Limerick and Waterford Metropolitan areas.
- Identification and quantification of locations for **strategic employment growth**.
- Identification of a number of **large regionally distributed towns** where future population and jobs growth will be focused.
- Ensure that the RSES provides for and guides targeted population growth of Ireland's smaller **towns and rural areas at an average rate of 15%** across the region.
- Identification and prioritisation of **key future growth enablers**

Population targets 2016 – 2040 S.Region

Population allocation for southern region	375,000 (maximum growth figure)
3 Cities (Cork 115,000) (Limerick 52,000) (Waterford 29,000)	196,000 (allocated growth figures)
Large Towns	56,718
Remaining population for small towns below 10,000 and rural areas	122,282
Distributed between 9 Counties in Southern Region (proportions to be decided by RSES)	13,222 (assumes even distribution between 9 counties)
Average growth in population per year over 24 year period	551 people
At an occupancy rate of 2.5 as proposed in NPF	220 houses per year for small towns below 10,000 and rural areas

Mid West Population

	1991	2016	% change 1991 - 2016	2040 proposed pop.	% change 2016 - 2040
Clare	90,918	118,817	31%	139,167	17%
Limerick City and County	161,956	194,899	20%	262,555	35%
Tipperary	132,772	159,553	20%	185,200	16%
Total Mid West including all of Tipperary	385,646	473,269	23%	586,922	24%

Limerick City and County 2016 population, allocations to 2040 and average annual pop. and houses

	2016 pop	NPF allocation	2040 total pop	Average pop. growth per year (24 years)	Average houses per year (2.5 household size)	Overall % growth
Limerick City (excludes environs which are part of Clare)	89,758	52,000	141,758	2,167	867	
Limerick County (15%)	105,141	15,771	120,912	657	263	
City and County	194,899	67,771	262,670	2,824	1,130	34.77%

Limerick County Growth Comparison- Area outside of city and environs

2006	2016	Annual average population change 2006-2016	NPF proposed 15% growth from 2016 to 2040	Average annual growth proposed 2016 - 2040
96,811	105,141	833	15,771	657

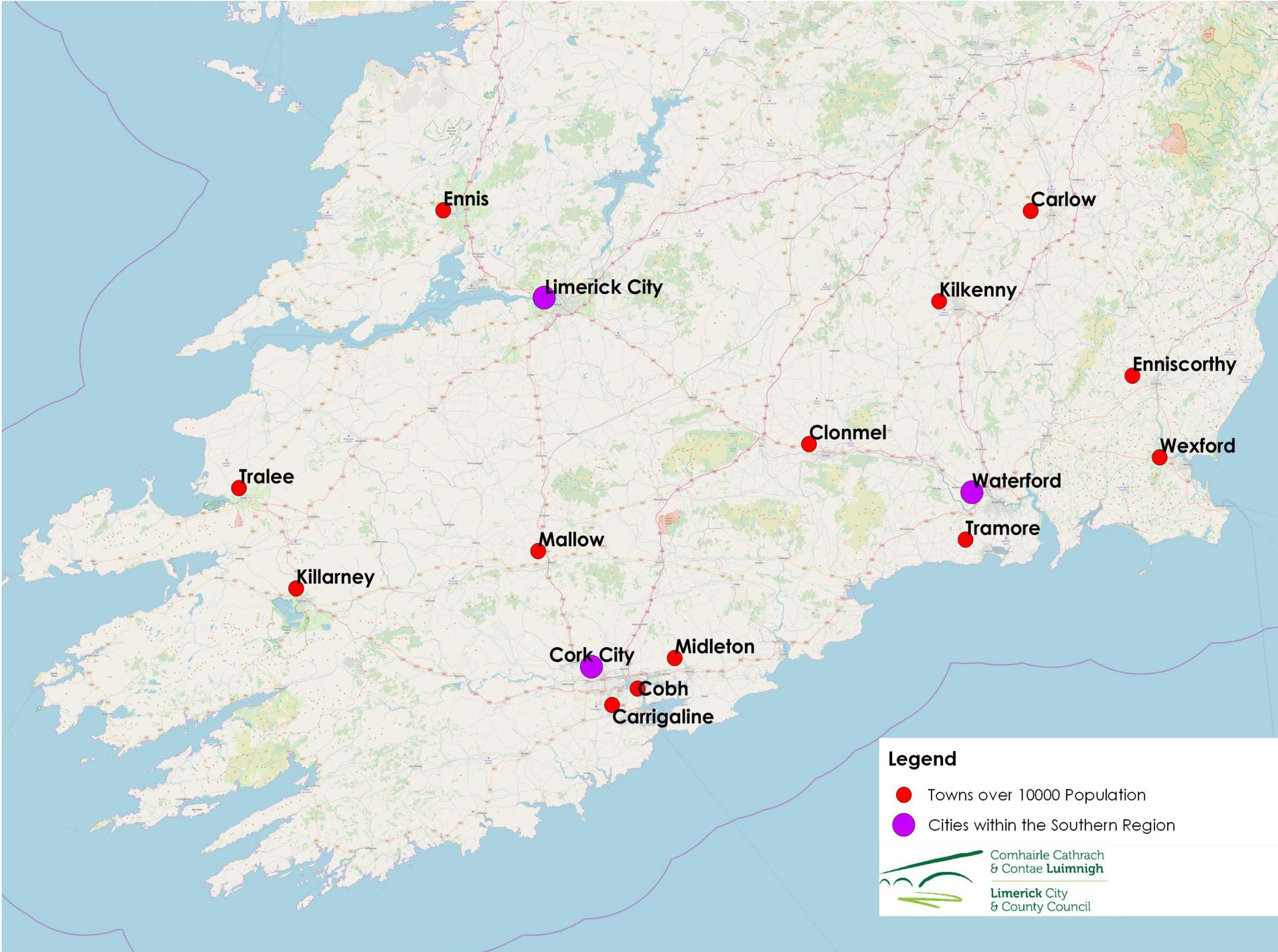
Limerick Town Examples

Town	2006	2016	Annual average pop. change 2006-2016	NPF proposed additional pop. @ 15% growth from 2016 to 2040	Average annual pop. growth proposed 2016 - 2040	Annual housing growth average at 2.5 persons household size 2016 - 2040	6 year zoned land requirement including 50% headroom (density of 22 units per ha.)
Newcastle West	5,098	6,619	152	993	41	17	7
Abbeyfeale	1,940	2,023	8	303	13	5	2
Kilmallock	1,443	1,668	23	250	10	4	2
Castleconnell	1,330	2,107	78	316	13	5	2

Impact of NPF / RSES on zoning

Town	Zoned land required over next 6 years - ha	Current undeveloped zoned land for residential phase one - ha
Newcastle West	7	88
Abbeyfeale	2	32
Kilmallock	2	34
Castleconnell	2	14

So where will population grow?



Legend

- Towns over 10000 Population
- Cities within the Southern Region



So, what do we want....

- If we consider towns of 5,000 for focused growth – Limerick still loses



Suggested submission in relation to population allocation

- Recognition that towns below the 10,000 population threshold can act as important economic and service drivers within their municipal districts – abandon the 10,000 pop threshold
- Headroom of up to 150% should be allowed when zoning

Example of other issues for submission

- Key growth enablers
- Metropolitan Strategic Area Plans
 - Area?
 - Purpose?

Suggested issues for submission

- The Draft NPF recognises Cork as an **Emerging International Centre of Scale** and Limerick as **important national and regional driver of growth** - we need the same recognition as Cork, if there is potential for balanced regional growth
- Policy support for the Limerick to Cork Motorway (M20)
- Policy support Limerick Northern Distributor Road
- Policy support for the Foynes to Limerick Route, including rail
- Shannon Airport recognised as a Strategic International Airport

- Promote the potential for public transport connectivity with Shannon Airport
- Improved Interconnectivity between our regional cities - not only by road/high speed rail interconnectivity needs to be put in place
- Strengthen further the policy support for Shannon/Foynes Port
- Significant upfront investment in public transport - develop an integrated City public transport scheme
- Recognise the importance of tourism areas to the local economy
- Promote the development of core urban areas
- Recognise the potential for development of the Shannon Estuary in line with SIFP
- Investment in Digital networks

Submissions

- Focus on strategic spatial planning and economic issues for the region
- The closing date for submissions is the 26th January 2018.