



Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
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Notification of Commencement of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

As you are aware, the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly was established in January 2015 under the reform of local government in Ireland. Its primary functions are management and monitoring in EU programmes, strategic planning and sustainable development of the region including implementation of the Regional Planning Guidelines, to be replaced by new Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES), and to promote effectiveness in local government and public services.

I am writing inform you that the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly have commenced the formal process for the formulation of a Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Region by issuing a notice of intent pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2017.

The objective of the RSES shall be to support the implementation of the National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040 and the economic policies and objectives of the Government by providing a long-term planning and economic framework which shall be consistent with the NPF and the economic policies or objectives of the Government.

The RSES will contain:

- A Spatial Strategy for the future location of population growth, housing and employment along with supporting infrastructure and services.
- An Economic Strategy to boost competitiveness and drive regional development towards a strong future economy with good employment opportunities for all.
- A Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) to act as a 12-year strategic planning and investment framework for the sustainable development of our capital city region.

The RSES is supported by a Socio-Economic Profile and Evidence Baseline for the region, prepared in collaboration with the All Island Research Observatory (AIRO) in Maynooth University, available at www.emra.ie/maps The strategy making process will also be informed by a rigorous and parallel Strategic Environmental Assessment Process.

In order to stimulate debate and encourage participation in the Pre-draft consultation process an Issues Paper has been prepared by the Assembly and it is available to view or download on www.emra.ie



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Submissions can be made between 20th November 2017 and 5pm on 26th January 2018 (both dates inclusive) through one of the following media:

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If you require any further information on the RSES process or wish to discuss this with a member of our staff please email info@emra.ie or call 01 8074482. We look forward to any input on the preparation of this strategy which will guide and shape the future of our region for generations to come.

Regards,

Jim Conway
Director
Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly