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An Introduction and Overview of Case Study Paper (CSP03)

Traveller Accommodation and the Local Authority
Development Plan



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OPR Research - Shared Learning and Advice



Under our statutory Research and Training function Section 31Q.

Strategic Research Framework



Strategic Planning Research Programme

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESEARCH PROGRAMME									
Timeline	Strand One: PLANNING ISSUES			Strand Two: PLANNING PERFORMANCE			Strand Three: PLANNING PRACTICE		
	Project	Delivery Option	Output	Project	Delivery Option	Output	Project	Delivery Option	Output
Short Term	Climate: Assessment of Climate Effects of Spatial Plans (SPACES) Methodology	DC	RSR/ PN	Indicators vs Outcomes (I/O) - Measuring Planning Outcomes Study	CR	RSR/ CSP	EIA and AA Screening Practice Templates	DC	PN
	CV19: Planning Implications: (i) Changing Spatial Relationships between Home and Workplace (ii) Analysis of Policy Responses	DC/PCR	RSR	Planning Application Processing: Analysis of LA Validation Processes- Learnings	DC	CSP	Development Plan App: Managing Timelines Software Tool	DC	PA
Medium Term	EPA Five Year Report: Achieving Climate Neutrality by 2050	CR	RSR	Operation of Part 8 Processes: Survey of Practices, Case Studies - Learnings	DC	CSP	Planning Conditions: including a Standard Condition Compendium	DC	PA/ PN
	Brownfield Land Activation Measures: Experiences/Best Practice	P	RSR/ CSP	Housing: Development Plans and Travel Accommodation Plans	DC	CSP	Pre-Application Consultation: Derived from survey across the 31 Planning Authorities	DC	CSP/ PN
Longer Term	Compact Growth: Case Studies	CR	CSP	Marine Planning: Dealing with Marine Development Consents in Nearshore Areas	DC	CSP	Pre-Application Consultation: Derived from survey across the 31 Planning Authorities	DC	CSP/ PN
	Marine Planning: Adapting Regional Marine Planning Approaches to Ireland	DC	RSR	Development Plan Progress Reports: Survey of Practices, SEA Monitoring - Learnings	P	RSR/ CSP	Marine Planning: Dealing with Marine Development Consents in Nearshore Areas	DC	PN
Longer Term	Opportunities Emerging & to be developed			Opportunities Emerging & to be developed			River Basin Plans: Factoring in to PA Decisions	CR	PN
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KEY:
Delivery Route: DC: OPR Directed & Commissioned P: Partnership DP: Demonstration Project CR: Contributor Role
Outputs: RSR: Research Series Report CSP: Case Study Paper PN: Practice Notes PA: Practice Applications

Purpose of the Case Study Papers



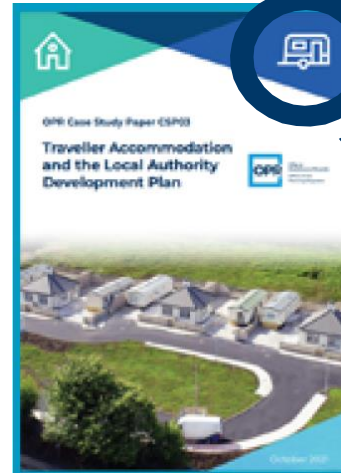
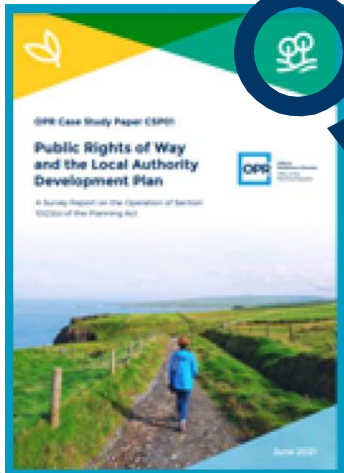
Support planning authorities in the performance of their duties.



Promote **shared learning** and highlight best practice.

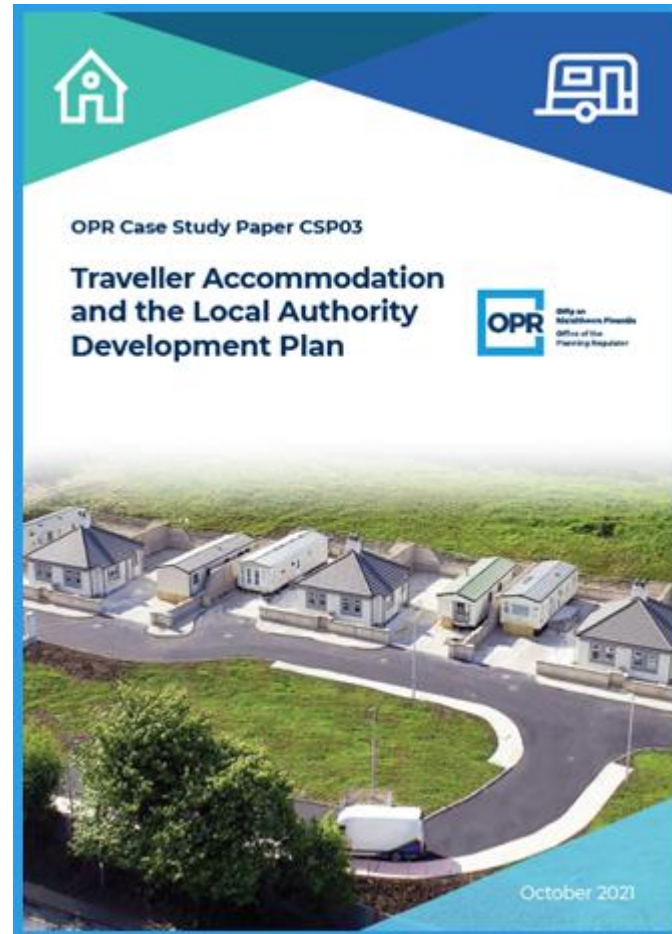


Assist the OPR in performing its duties.



Case Study Paper (CSP03)

Traveller Accommodation and the Local Authority Development Plan



Why examine this mandatory objective?



Purpose:

To review the effectiveness of the 1998 Act and whether it provides a robust legislative basis for meeting the current and future accommodation needs of the Traveller Community and to review other legislation that impacts on the delivery of Traveller-specific accommodation.

Expert Group: Legal, Planning and Social Policy disciplines

Four Core Themes: Delivery reflecting need; **planning**; capacity and resources; and governance

Total 32 recommendations; 10 relating to planning theme....



Recommendation No. 5 of Expert Review Report

“Request research and a review by the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) of Traveller accommodation policies and objectives in statutory development plans.”

Other Nine Recommendations:

Emergency powers, Legislation to improve alignment of TAP/DP, Changes to Part 8, Guidelines, HNDA, Section 10(2)(i), Role of Regional Assemblies, new national level authority and OPR.

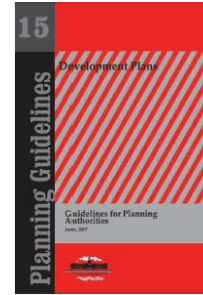
Current Statutory Context and Advice



Planning & Development Act (as amended)

Section 10(2)(i):

(i) the provision of accommodation for Travellers, **and** the use of particular areas for that purpose;



Development Plan Guidelines (2007)

- Reflect the land use aspects of TAPs
- Objectives to set out the approach of the DP

AND

- Indication of specific locations of known traveller accommodation projects
- Support identification of additional locations through flexible zoning policies

Plus:

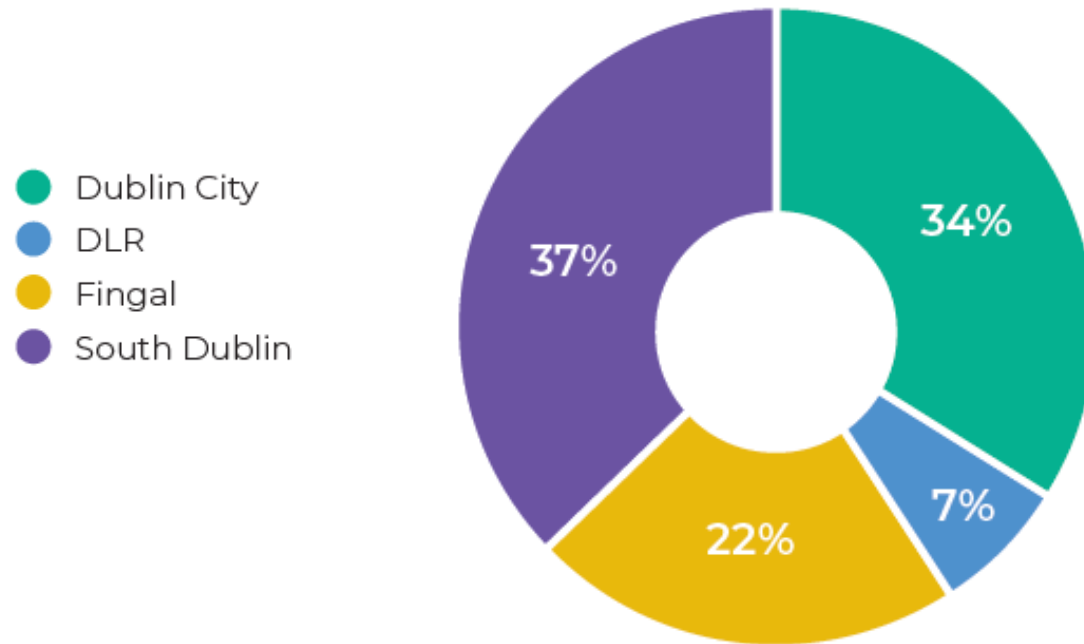
Future/Evolving HNDA Process: more evidence based approach.

Traveller Accommodation in Context



Traveller population in the State in last Census (2016) 30,987 (+4.8%)

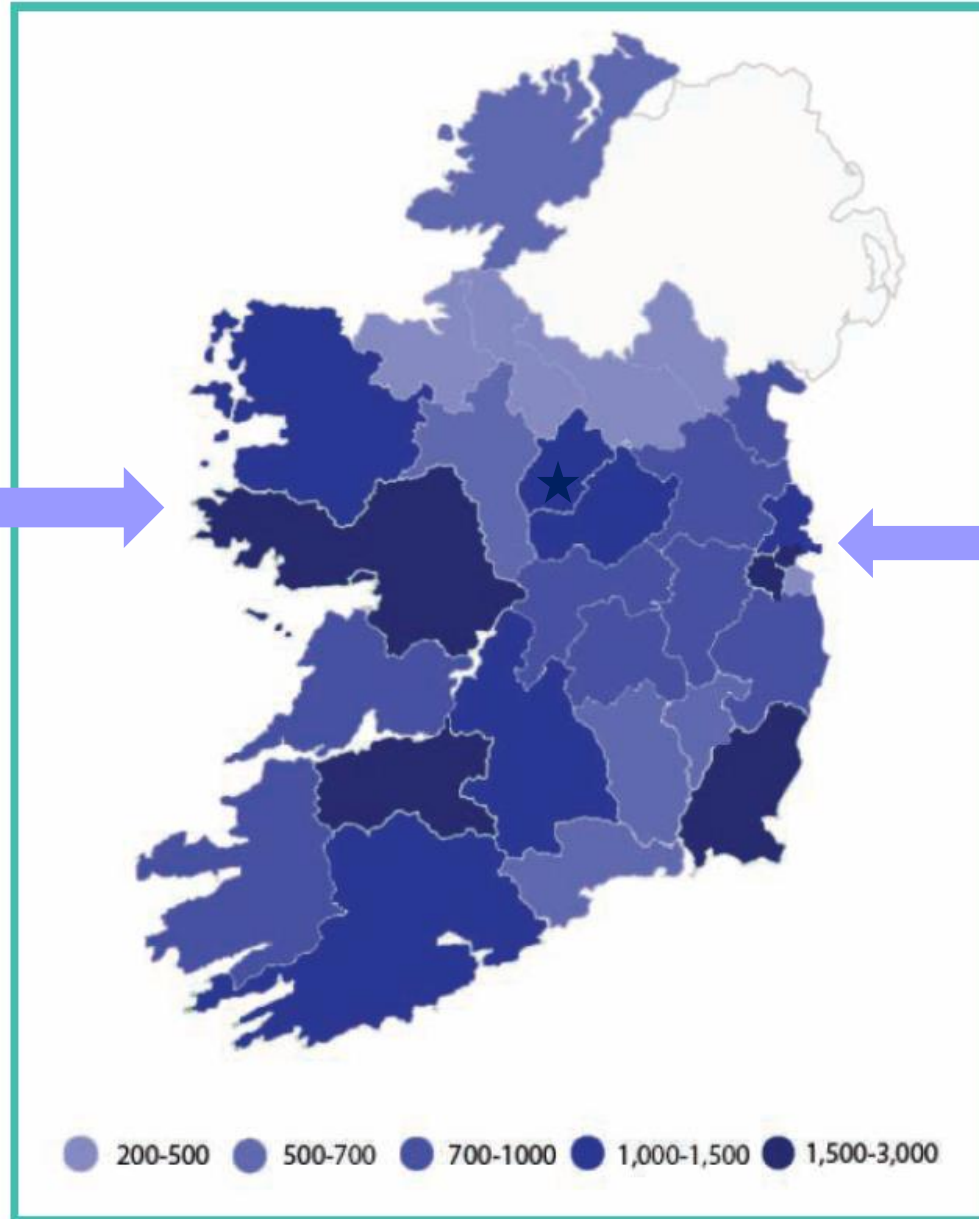
County Dublin – Population 6,006 across four local authorities:



Note:

Research indicates that the overall Traveller population is likely to be greater than that recorded in the Census. Work ongoing to ensure future census and data are more accurate.

National Population Distribution Census 2016

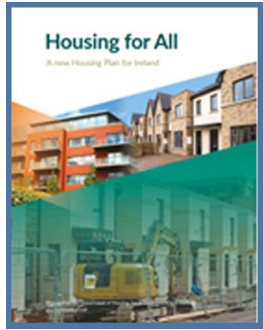


NWRA
West – Counties
Galway Mayo &
Roscommon
home to 6,061
Travellers.

County Dublin
home to 6,006
Travellers.

Longford has highest
percentage relative to
total population 2.56%

Housing for All - Traveller Household Data



- Tells us more about households and accommodation type.
- Gives breakdown of accommodation type:





What is Traveller-specific accommodation?

- Group Housing
 - Halting Site
 - Bay
 - Tigín
- See CSP glossary.



Traveller Accommodation Programmes



Required by the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998.



Broad scope of mechanisms for provision of traveller accommodation.



Direct provision by LA is the main area of overlap for the purpose of the development plan.

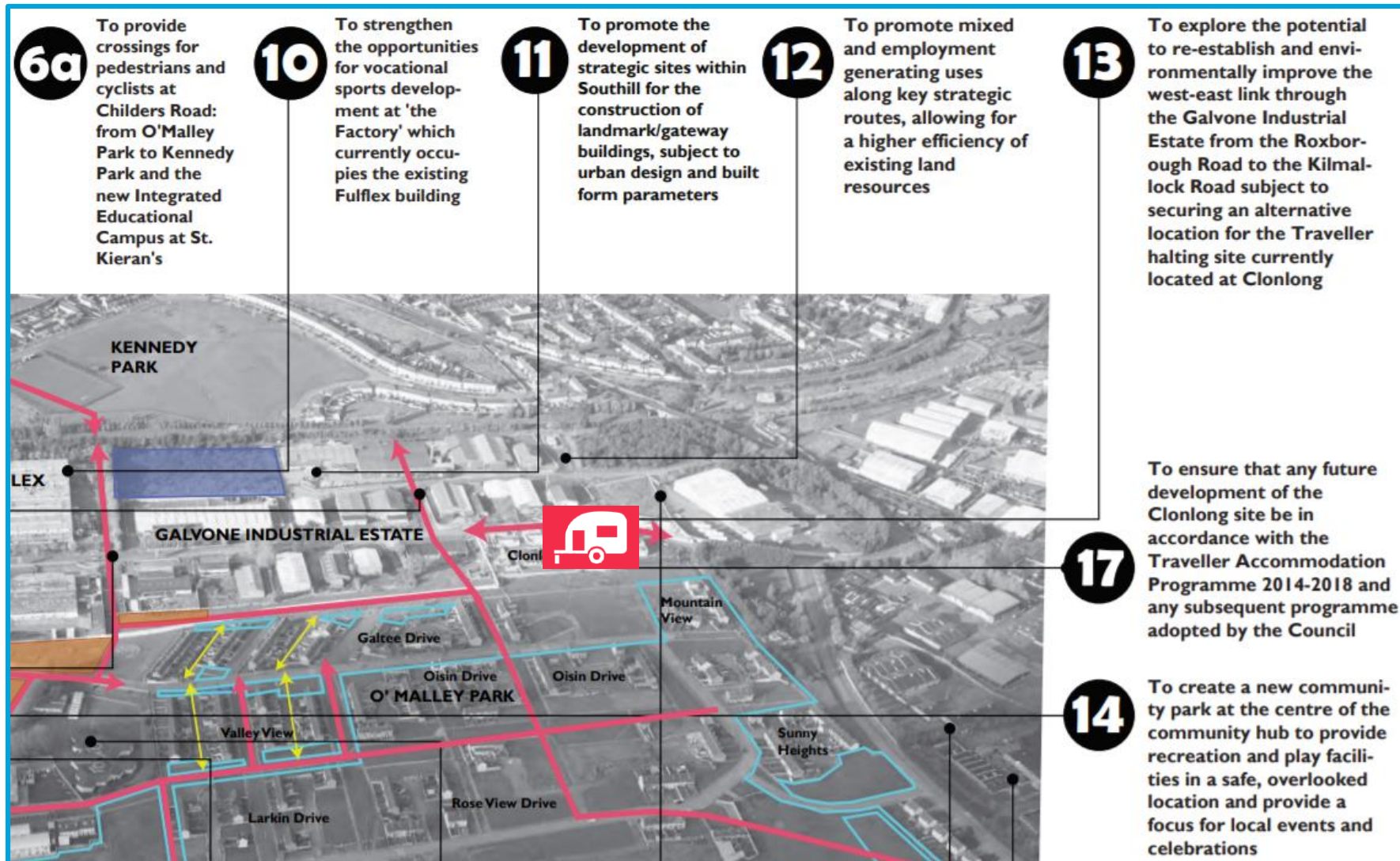


The policies/objectives of the TAP are a useful resource for preparing DP policies and objectives.

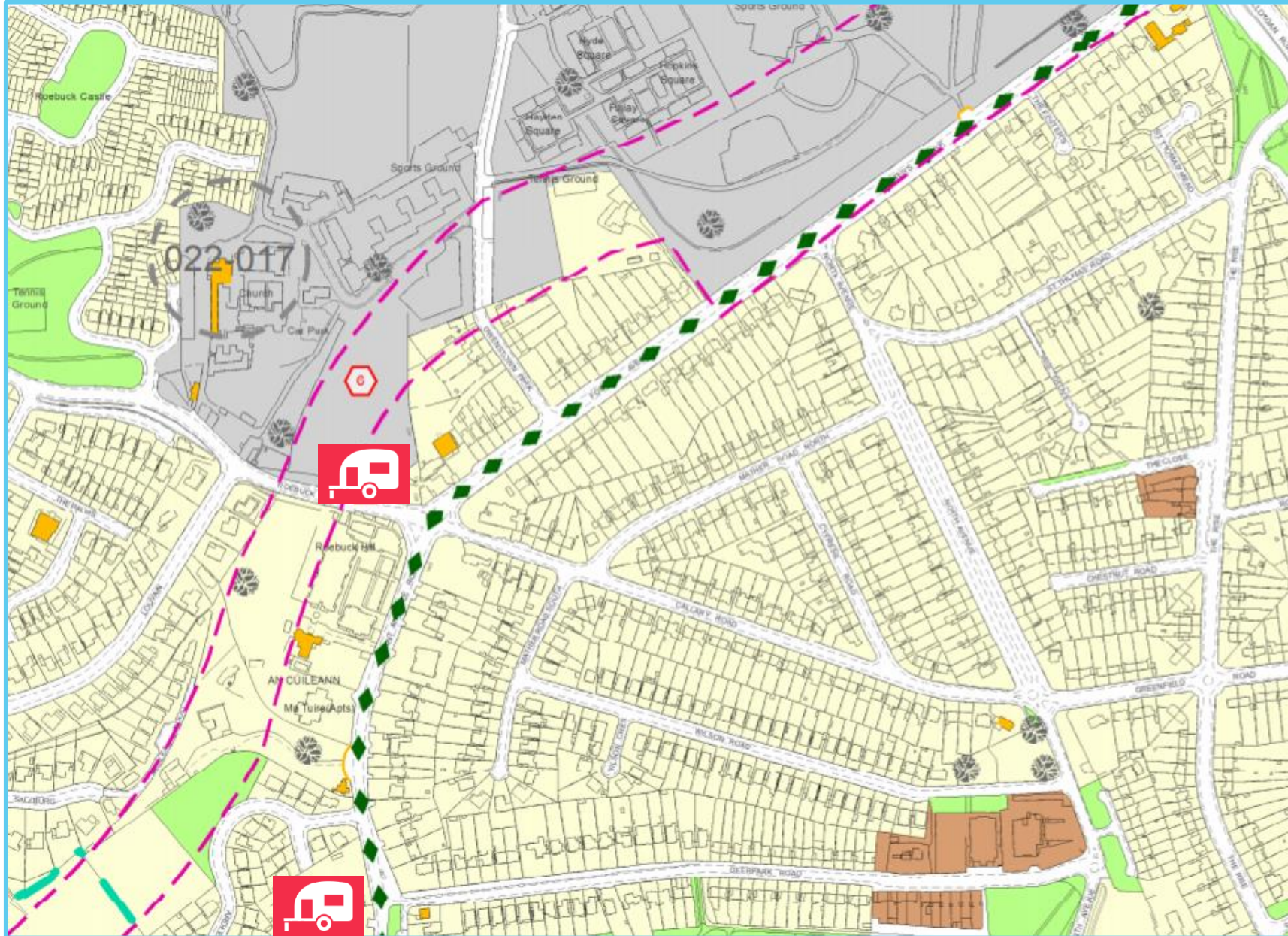
Examples of Best Practice: Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023



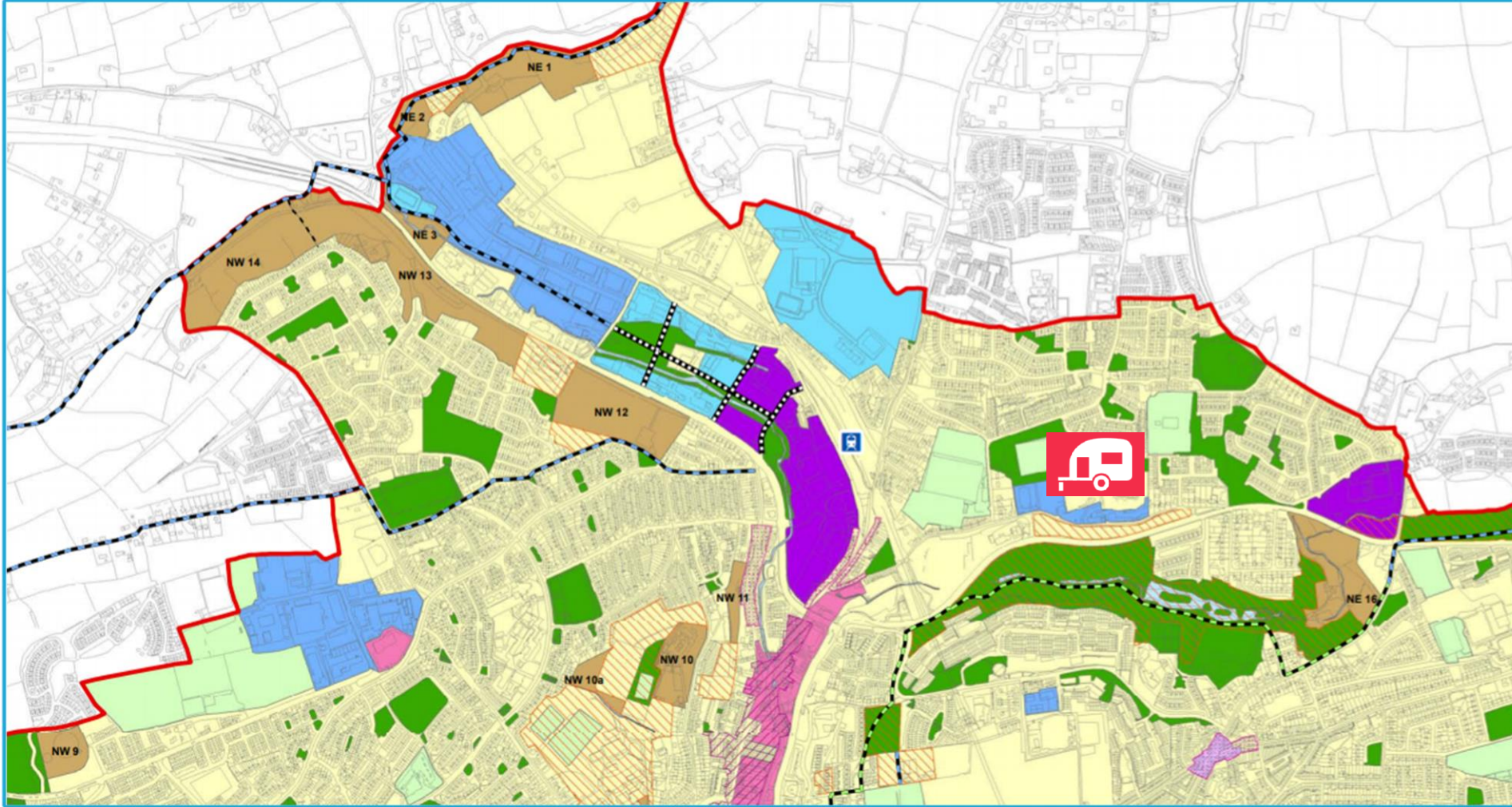
Limerick City Development Plan 2010-2016



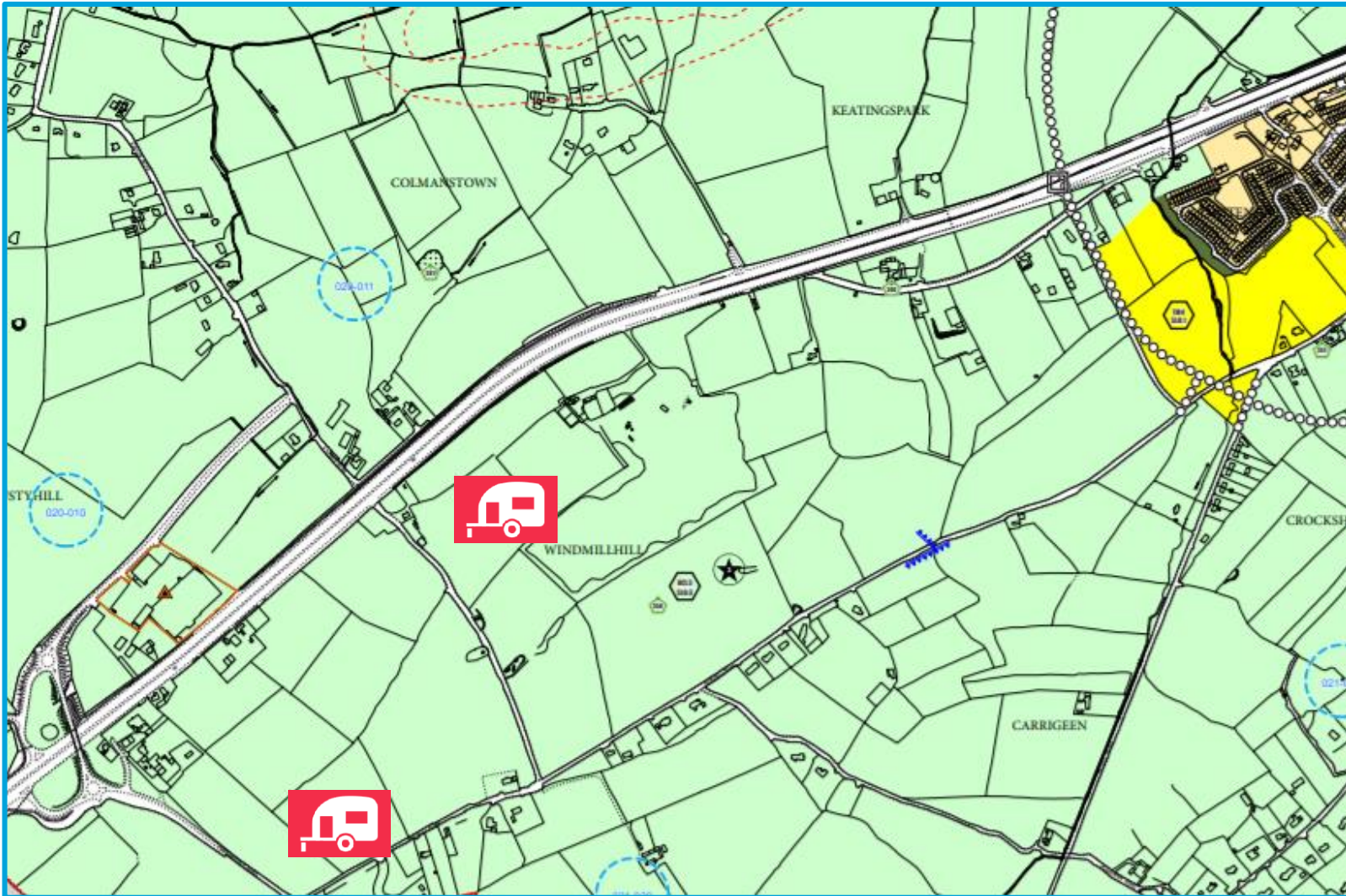
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022



Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021



South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022



Good Practice



➔ Closely align DP with TAP.

Communicate policy through mapping.



➔ Draft bespoke objectives to support the TAP actions and subsequent DM processes.

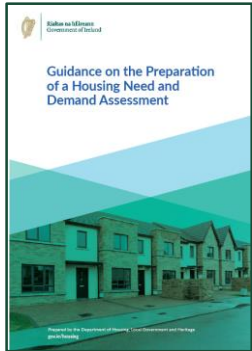
Provide policy support for best practice in siting, location and design.



➔ Avoid one-hit-wonder generic policy statements!

Future Development Plans:

In complying with S10(2)(i) will benefit from:



- HNDA
- Likely changes to the TAPs



Closer integration between Housing and Planning Depts.

Improve evidence base for DP

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Assist the OPR plan evaluation role

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Ultimately this will Assist in the Delivery of Traveller Accommodation