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# Departmental Update

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# Current Priority Tasks



- Legislative Reform: **Planning Bill**
- Institutional Reform: **An Bord Pleanála**
- Policy Evolution: **NPF Revision**
- Enabling the System: **Resourcing LAs**

# Only part of the Whole...



- Legislative Reform: **Planning Bill**  
LVS/UDZs, RZLT, Regs, EU Directives, JRs
- Institutional Reform: **An Bord Pleanála**  
LDA, OPR, Tailte Eireann
- Policy Evolution: **NPF Revision**  
URDF, Guidelines, TCF, Plans evaluation, TOD
- Enabling the System: **Resourcing**  
Training, e-planning, Fees review

# NPF Revision



- NPF revision required by PfG and statute by 2024
- Expert advisory group appointed to provide high-level direction
- Memo to Government re. timing and outline
- Stakeholder groups being established, including planning advisory group
- ESRI reviewing Census data re. population and structural housing demand

# Current Policy Measures



- Sustainable and Compact Urban Settlement Guidelines –Work ongoing-consultation complete
  - *will better reflect the different place contexts within each settlement*
  - *allow some flexibility in relation to residential design standards.*
- Rural housing guidelines – in preparation including legal consideration regarding compliance with EU legislation
- URDF programme ongoing. Phase 3 imminent to focus on vacancy and dereliction
- Transport Oriented Development sites - work ongoing with Dept. of Transport
- Coastal Change scoping report in conjunction with OPW



Thank You