

Strand	Project Theme	Delivery Mechanism, Output
1. Planning Issues	1.1 Community and Social Infrastructure Data Coordination for Spatial Planning	Partnership, RSR/PA
	1.2 Cost/Benefit Analysis of Urban Greening Measures and Cost-Comparison with Traditional Construction Costs	Direct Commission, RSR
	1.3 Rural Housing and Ageing Population: Strategic Implications	Partnership, RSR
	1.4 Common Good/Public Engagement/Youth Engagement and Acceptance of Planning and Environmental Policy	Partnership, RSR
	1.5 Ethically Informed Approaches to AI in Planning	Partnership, RSR
2. Planning Performance	2.1 Delivery of Community and Social Infrastructure Case Studies and Spatial Planning	Direct Commission/Partnership, CSP
	2.2 Planning for Sustainable Housing Needs of Island Communities	Direct Commission, CSP
	2.3 A Cost Benefit Analysis of a Further Reform of the Planning System versus the Cost of Resourcing the Current Planning System	Partnership, RSR
	2.4 Best Practice in Section 254 Licensing	Direct Commission, CSP
	2.5 Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) Best Practice Case Studies	Partnership, CSP
3. Planning Practice	3.1 Review/Update: Practice Note (PN01) Appropriate Assessment Screening for Development Management	Direct Commission, PN
	3.2 Review/Update: Practice Note (PN02) Environmental Impact Assessment Screening	Direct Commission, PN
	3.3 AI Supported: SEA Scoping & Improving Effectiveness (EPA project)	Contributor Role, RSR
	3.4 Landscape Sensitivity in Assessment of Strategic Plans & Programmes (EPA)	Contributor Role, RSR
	3.5 Exploring Material Contraventions	Direct Commission/Partnership, CSP
	3.6 Review/Update: Practice Note (PN03) Planning Conditions	Direct Commission, PN
	3.7 Review/Update: Practice Note (PN05) Planning Enforcement under Planning and Development Act 2024	Direct Commission, PN
	3.8 Appropriate Assessment Screening in Nearshore	Direct Commission, PN
	3.9 Implications and Implementation of Planning Policy for Re-use/Refurbishment and Demolition	Partnership/Direct Commission, CSP

Monitor and Respond:

► Preparation of Development Plans under the 2024 Act:

Through the research role the OPR will support coordinated approaches to strategic spatial opportunities and considerations across groups of planning authorities on a thematic or geographical basis.

► Quarry and Extractive Industry/Circular Economy

► Climate Action

► Shared Island

► EU Nature Restoration Law/Ireland's forthcoming Nature Restoration Plan

Legend:

CSP - Case Study Paper, **PA** - Practice Application, **PN** - Practice Note, **RSR** - Research Series Report

As outlined in the OPR's [Strategic Planning Framework](#) the above programme seeks to be flexible and responsive to any emerging issues or research requirements during 2026-2028.