



Mid-West Regional Authority

PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE

MID-WEST AREA STRATEGIC PLAN

(A Planning, Land Use & Transport Strategy for the Mid-West Region)

MID-WEST AREA STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT PLAN, STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND HABITATS DIRECTIVE ASSESSMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Limerick City Council, on behalf of the four (4) Local Authorities in the Mid-West Region, which also includes **Clare County Council**, **Limerick County Council** and **North Tipperary County Council** and working with the **Mid-West Regional Authority**, has prepared a Draft Plan which examines the future vision for the Mid-West Region. The Draft Mid-West Area Strategic Plan (MWASP) was prepared to secure the following overall objectives;

- a) Prioritisation of investment in the region;
- b) Strengthening The Limerick/Shannon Gateway as the core of the Region. The promotion of the existing city and environs (the metropolitan city) as the economic driver for the region;
- c) Strengthening the Limerick/Shannon Gateway, Nenagh and Ennis as the Hub in terms of population growth;
- d) Create and support a well defined hierarchy of settlement as defined in the Mid-West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022 which will support the development of a series of rural economic nodes; such as Newcastle West, Thurles & Roscrea;
- e) Deliver the required transport infrastructure to meet the Plan objectives;
- f) Optimise the organisational structure to facilitate the delivery of the Plan objectives;
- g) Provide an economic review and direction for the region;

The MWASP is a strategy to facilitate a regional population of 500,000 that has been set in a 20 year timeframe. An outcome of the strategy is a requirement for a significant public transport investment (€340M from 2012 – 2032), excluding the cost of land, buses or locomotives. The Strategy also outlines the strategic requirement for a series of road projects, both National and Non-National, to help achieve better competitiveness for the region.

In compliance with Article 12 (1) and Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations (SI No. 435 of 2004), an Environmental Report has been prepared which assesses, at a strategic level, the likely significant environmental impacts of implementing the Draft Plan.

The Environmental Report and Non-Technical Summary, along with the Draft Strategic Plan, (in accordance with Article 13 of SI No. 435 of 2004) will be hosted on the following web site **www.mwasp.ie** for public inspection **from Friday 20th January 2012**.

The Environmental Report and Draft Strategic Plan are available for inspection during business hours at the offices of each of the four Local Authorities and the Mid-West Regional Authority:

- **Limerick City Council**,
Planning Department, City Hall, Merchants Quay, Limerick City.
- **Limerick County Council**,
Planning Department, County Hall, Dooradoyle, Limerick.
- **Clare County Council**,
Planning Department, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare
- **North Tipperary County Council**,
Planning Department, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
- **Mid-West Regional Authority**,
Friar Court, Abbey Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

The documentation may also be accessed on the following websites:

Project website: - www.MWASP.ie

Mid West Regional Authority website:

http://www.mwra.ie/Regional_Planning/MWASP.shtml

Written submissions should be made to MWASP, Mid-West Regional Authority, Friar Court, Abbey Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. or by email to **mwasp@limerickcity.ie** or online at **www.mwasp.ie**

The closing date for submissions is 16.00hrs on Thursday 8th March 2012.



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