



Key Points relating to the future development of Waterford for the Ireland 2040 Submission:

- Waterford is one of the 4 Atlantic Cities to act as a counter-balance to Dublin.
- Waterford is one of the 3 Atlantic Cities in the Southern Region.
- Waterford is the City of the South-East.
- Waterford has the capacity to double in size by 2040.
- Waterford should be the primary driver of economic development and regeneration in the South-East.
- Waterford needs to become a more attractive place for working and living.
- Waterford needs better road connections with Limerick and Cork.
- Waterford needs to become a Smart City.
- Waterford and the South-East’s development is predicated on having a University in the City.
- Waterford needs better connectivity to Cork and Limerick (roads and broadband).
- Waterford’s development needs support and greater connectivity with the SE towns.

Waterford and the South-East of Ireland

Ireland’s Regions & Strategic Planning Areas
(Towards a National Planning Framework, 2016)*
 The new National Planning Framework will be the successor to the National Spatial Strategy (NSS, 2002). It will be the long-term, 20 year strategy for the spatial development of Ireland that will promote a better quality of life for all, with sustainable economic growth and an environment of the highest quality as key underlying principles. The NPF will influence regional strategies and county development plans as it will be the central planning policy document for the Country and through this it will provide a clear vision to guide future development and investment decisions.





The Atlantic City Regions – Development & Connectivity
(Irish Academy of Engineering, 2016)
 Galway, Limerick, Cork and Waterford were designated as Gateway cities in the 2002 National Spatial Strategy; the intention was that each should develop ‘critical mass’ to enable them to become effective drivers of their respective regional economies, and thus provide a counter-balance to the growing dominance of the Greater Dublin Area (GDA), but without impeding the development of the GDA as an international Gateway.

Action Plan for Jobs 2015-17 (DoJE&I, 2015)
 The South East is a ‘City Region’ in a European context with a population base of 574,750* across five counties: Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Carlow. Waterford City is a national Gateway City and economic driver of the South East.

