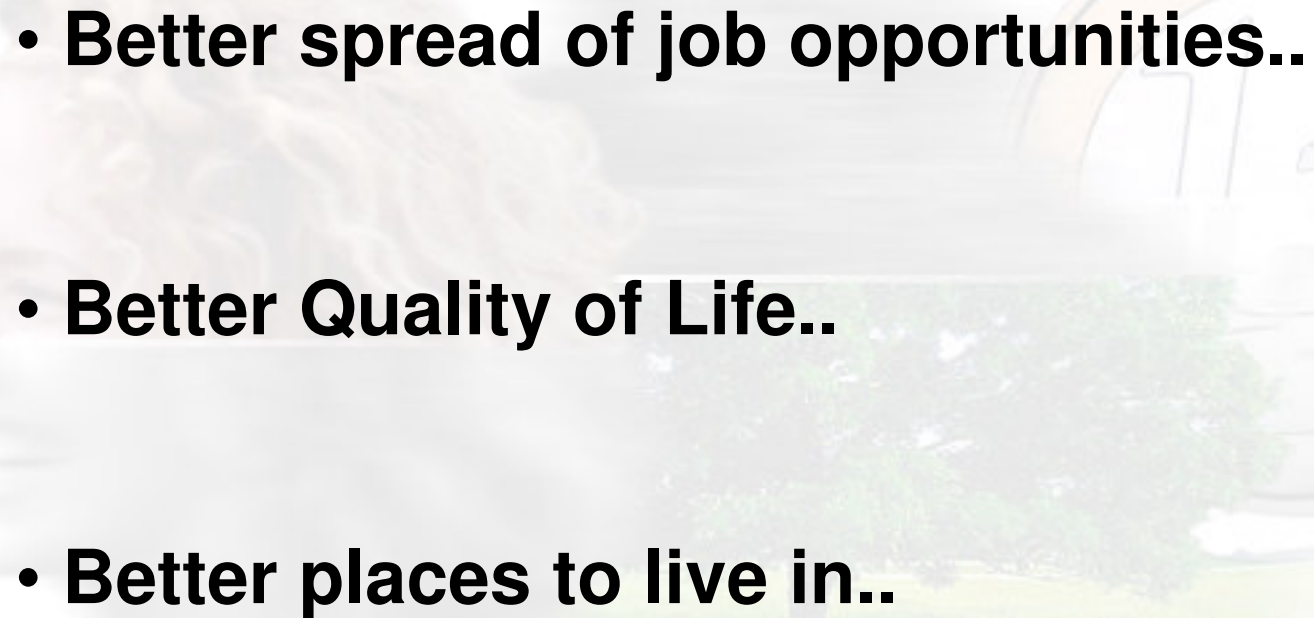


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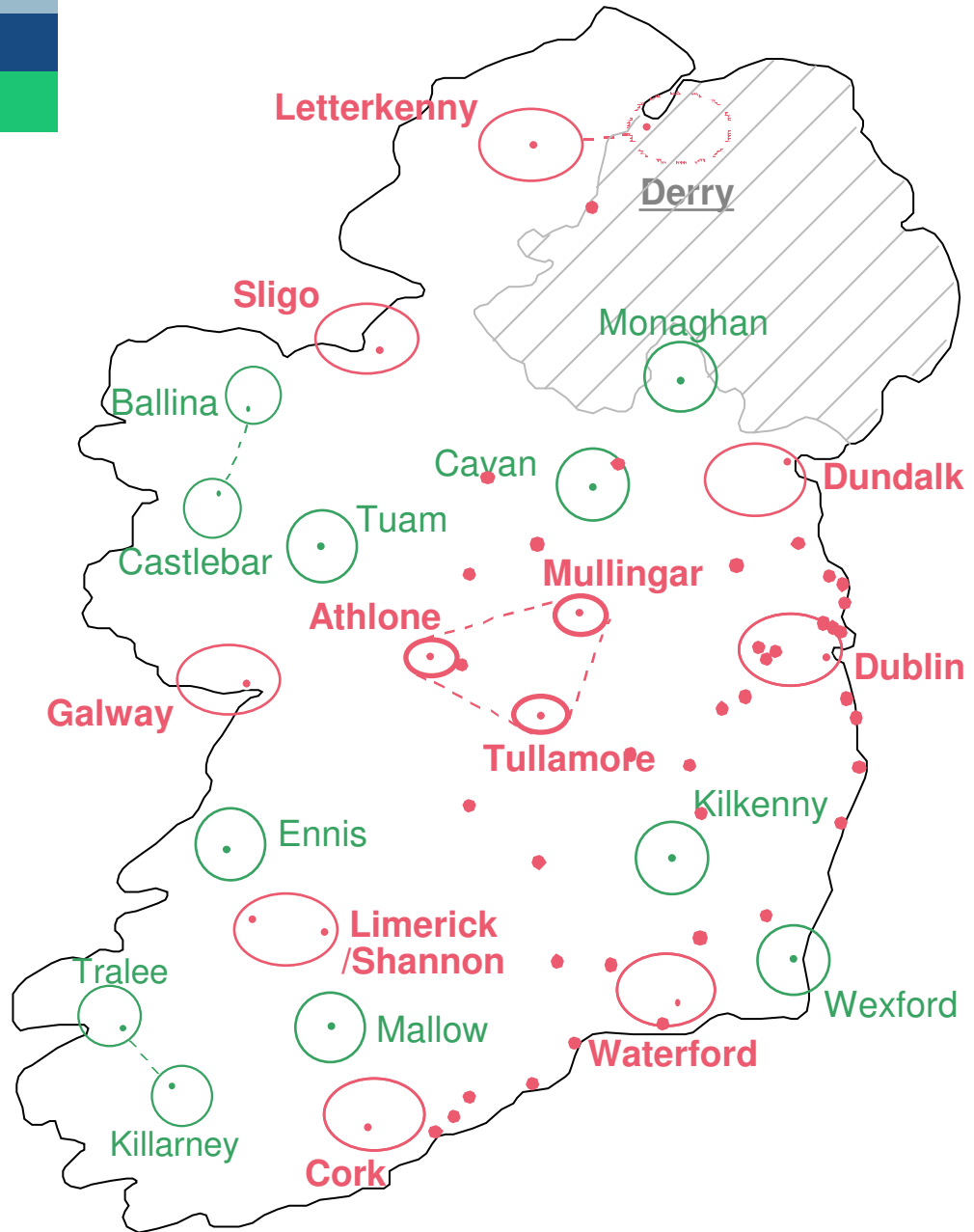
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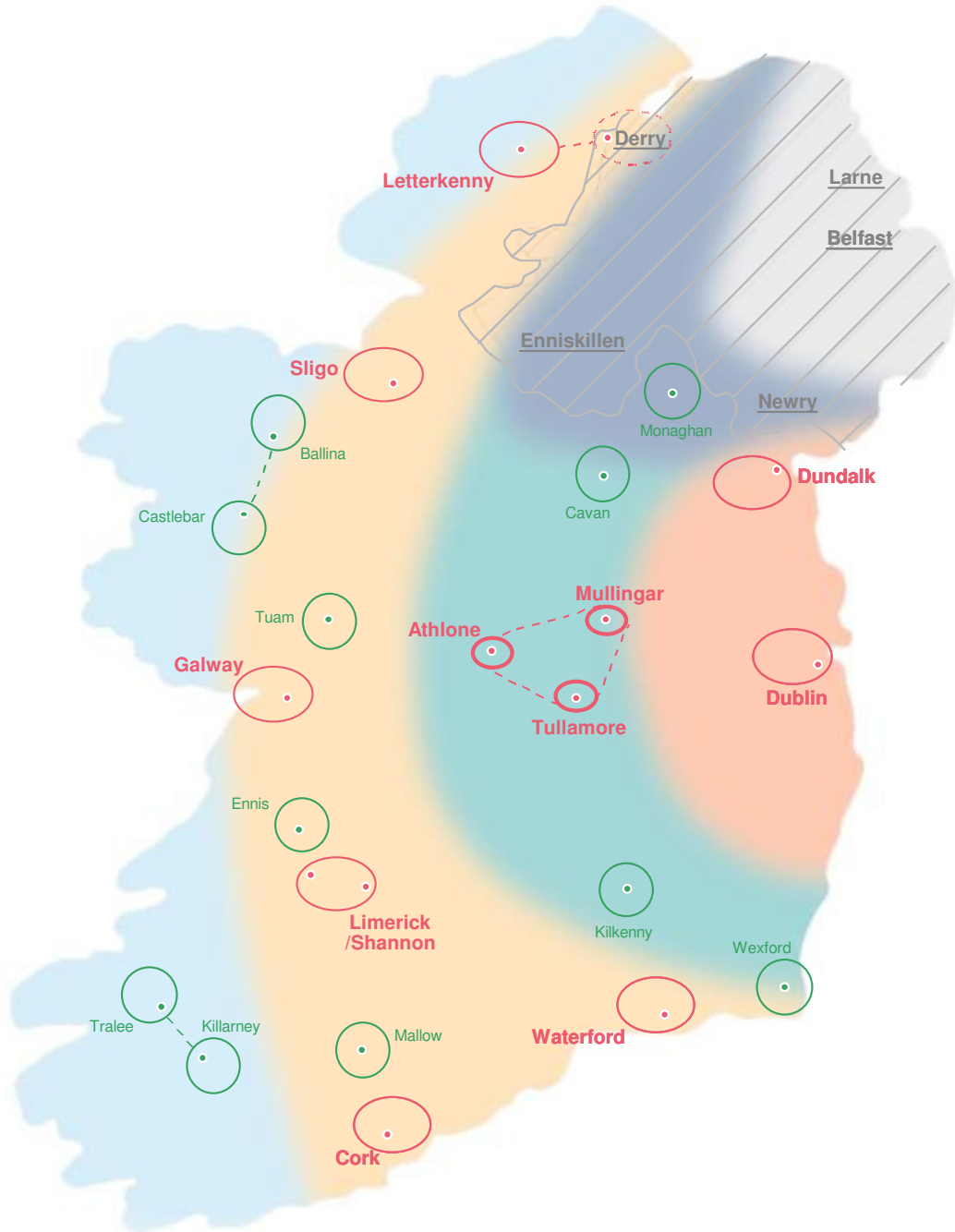
- **Better spread of job opportunities..**
 - **Better Quality of Life..**
 - **Better places to live in..**
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What the NSS will do....

- **Spatial Policy Framework..**
 - **Shape future investment..**
 - **Enhancing quality in planning..**
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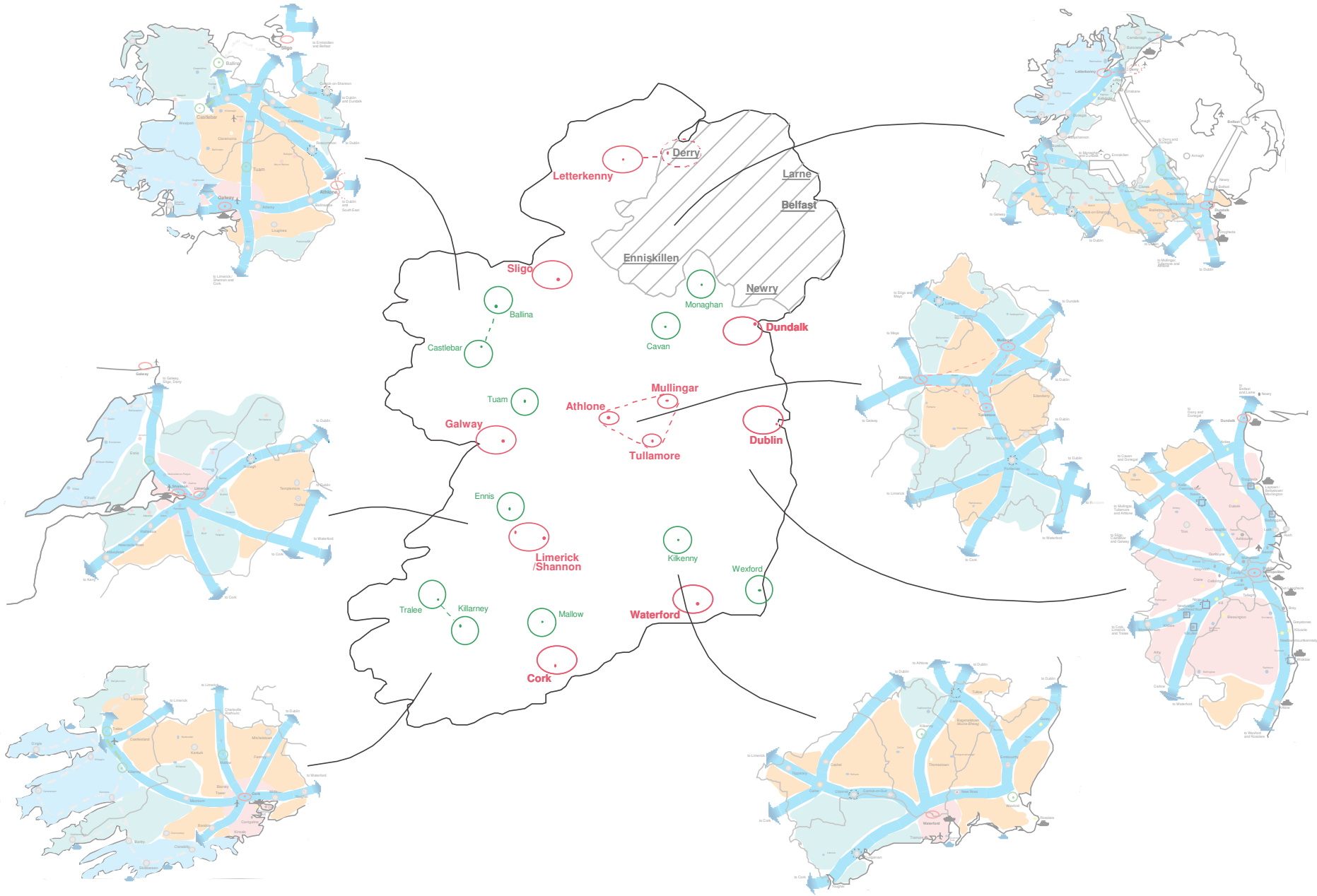


Rural Policies....

- **Rural and Urban partnership in balanced development..**
- **Strengthening rural communities..**
- **Protecting environmental qualities..**
- **Rural Settlement:**
 - **Accommodating the needs of rural communities..**
 - **Areas close to cities/main towns..**
 - **Building up the village structure..**
 - **Areas with a weaker urban structure..**



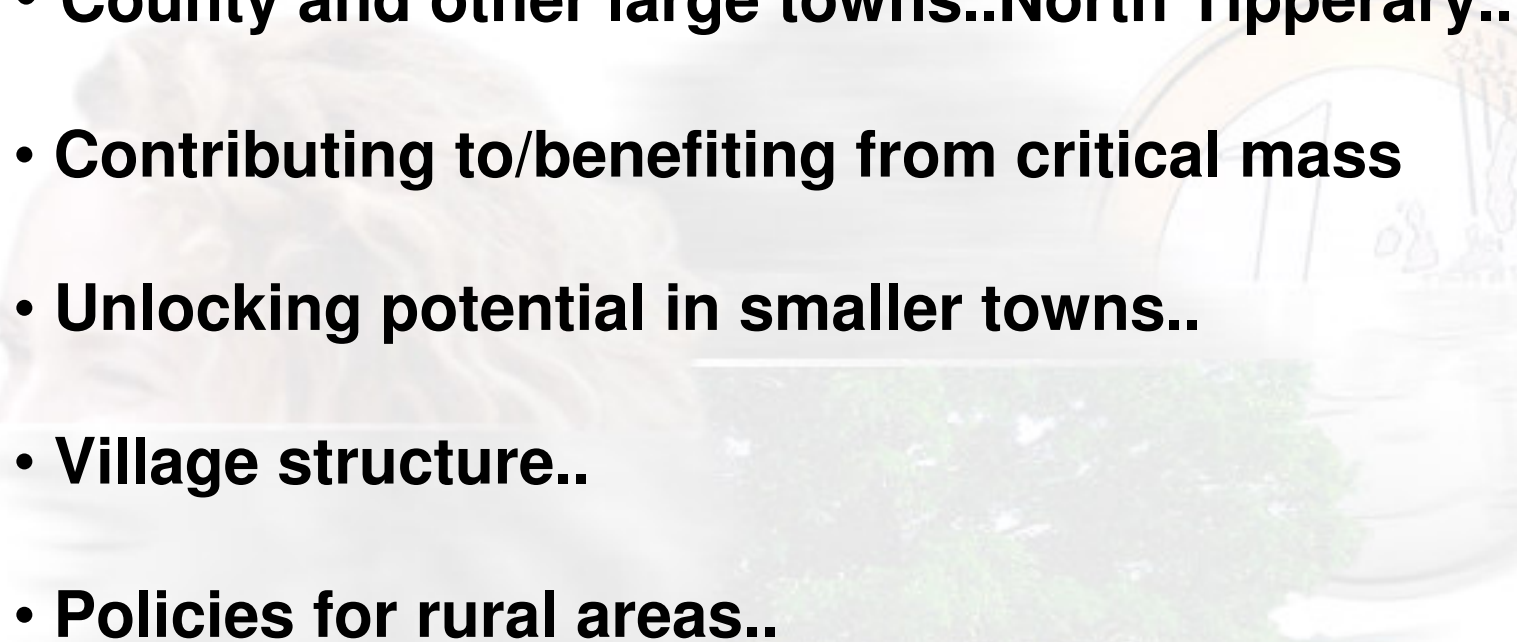
The National Spatial Strategy and The Midwest Region



NSS and the Midwest Region....

- ***Strengthening***
 - Gateway role of Limerick - Shannon
 - Role of land use and transportation planning
 - Ennis
- ***Revitalising***
 - Urban centres in remoter areas
 - Addressing differing rural contexts

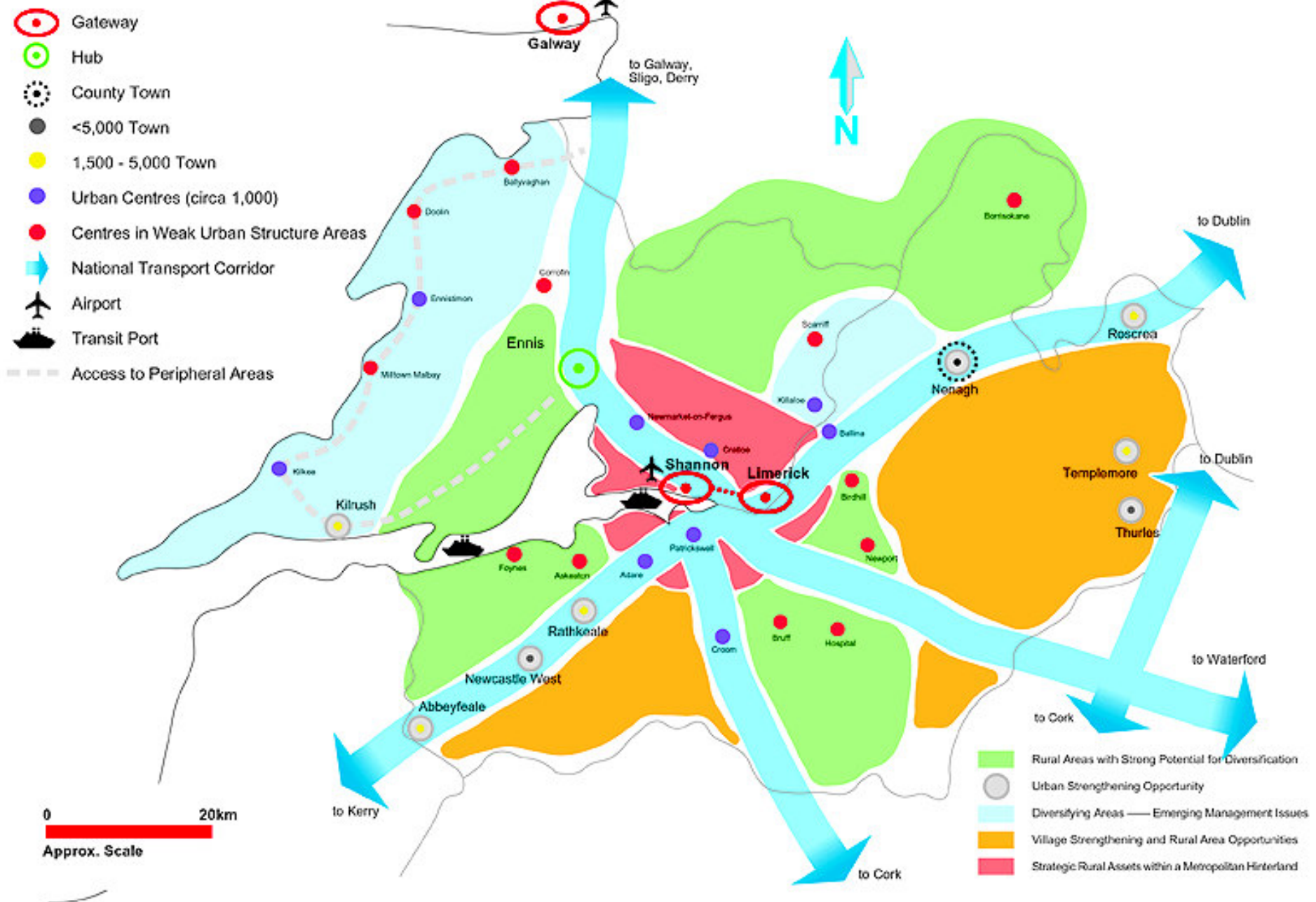
NSS and the Midwest Region....

- **County and other large towns..North Tipperary..**
 - **Contributing to/benefiting from critical mass**
 - **Unlocking potential in smaller towns..**
 - **Village structure..**
 - **Policies for rural areas..**
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Linked Gateway....

- **European examples..**
- **Complementary Development Strategies..**
- **Local Authority partnership..**
- **Joint Development Groups..**
- **DoELG support..**

Mid West





The National Spatial Strategy Implementation

Implementation....

- **Minister for Environment and Local Government..**
- **Regional Planning Guidelines..**
- **Gateways and Hubs..**
- **Integration into other policies and programmes..**
- **Mid Term Review of NDP..**
- **Within one year..**
- **Within five years..**

Mid West

