

## Appendix 4

### ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR THE GREATER DUBLIN AREA

Topic	Summary of Relevant Policy Statement, Action or Measure
Built Environment	1. Planning and Development legislation will be amended to require planning authorities to incorporate sustainable development considerations in development plans.
	2. The DoE&LG will publish guidelines for consultation on development plans, high amenity landscapes and archaeology.
	3. No State funding will be provided for infrastructure in the event of overzoning.
	4. Regional Authorities will be assigned a role in setting out strategic planning guidelines.
	5. More sustainable urban development will be promoted by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- closer coordination between transport and land use planning</li> <li>- the promotion of higher residential densities in appropriate locations</li> <li>- emphasis on clear demarcation between urban and rural land use</li> <li>- Local Agenda 21 initiatives.</li> </ul>
	6. Policies for achieving sustainable urban regeneration will have as key elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- integrated strategic economic and social planning</li> <li>- ecological principles</li> <li>- improving accessibility</li> <li>- environmental upgrading</li> <li>- design flexibility</li> <li>- open spaces</li> <li>- measures to overcome critical barriers</li> <li>- a partnership approach.</li> </ul>
Transport	1. Minimisation of potential growth in transport demand will be incorporated as a leading consideration in land use planning.
	2. Efficient, cost-effective and customer focused development of the rail network will be supported for its economic, social, environmental and regional benefits.
	3. The agencies concerned will work together to provide more sustainable and environmentally-acceptable alternatives to private car transport, including better facilities for non-motorised transport and, where feasible, improved mass transport modes.

	4. Implementation of the DTI will be intensified.
	5. The DoE&LG and appropriate agencies will actively encourage greater public awareness of the unsustainable aspects of increasing use of vehicle transport.
	6. Government will commission research to more accurately estimate the environmental cost of road transport.
Marine Resources	1. Local Authorities requested to avoid locating new waste landfills near coasts or estuaries.
Tourism	1. Planning authorities will make provision in their development plans for sustainable tourism, and ensure through the planning process that over-development does not take place.
	2. Bord Failte will consider the implementation of a managed network of scenic landscapes.
	3. Consideration will be given to the need for controls or restrictions on certain leisure activities which are incompatible with the sustainable development approach.
Natural Environment	1. An integrated catchment management initiative will reverse deteriorating quality in selected catchments.
	2. A national groundwater programme will be established to quantify resources, establish quality and make recommendations for protection and sustainable use.
	3. A national Coastal Zone Management Policy will be developed.
	4. There will be continuing investment to meet water quality standards and requirements.
	5. The DOE & LG and Local Authorities are developing a water conservation programme.
	6. The Wildlife Act will be updated to provide a statutory basis for Natural Heritage Areas.
	7. The definition and protection of some 400 proposed Special Areas of Conservation, covering 550,000 hectares, will be supported.
	8. Waste management policies will achieve stabilisation of municipal waste quantities and diversion of 20% of municipal waste from landfill, by recycling.
	9. The Government will actively pursue policies to ensure that local air quality is maintained and improved, particularly in urban areas.
	10. Ireland will participate in international actions to reduce emissions from transport and power generation.