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Enabling Well-Being Environments *(through Proper Planning and Sustainable Development)*

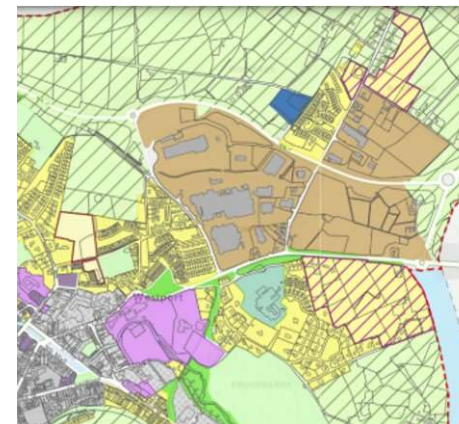
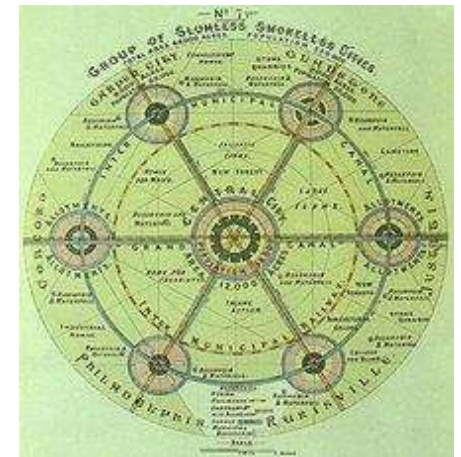
Encouraging Local Government Leadership

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Planning & Wellbeing

- Historical Origins of Planning...
- Health and Wellbeing!



Challenge of Change

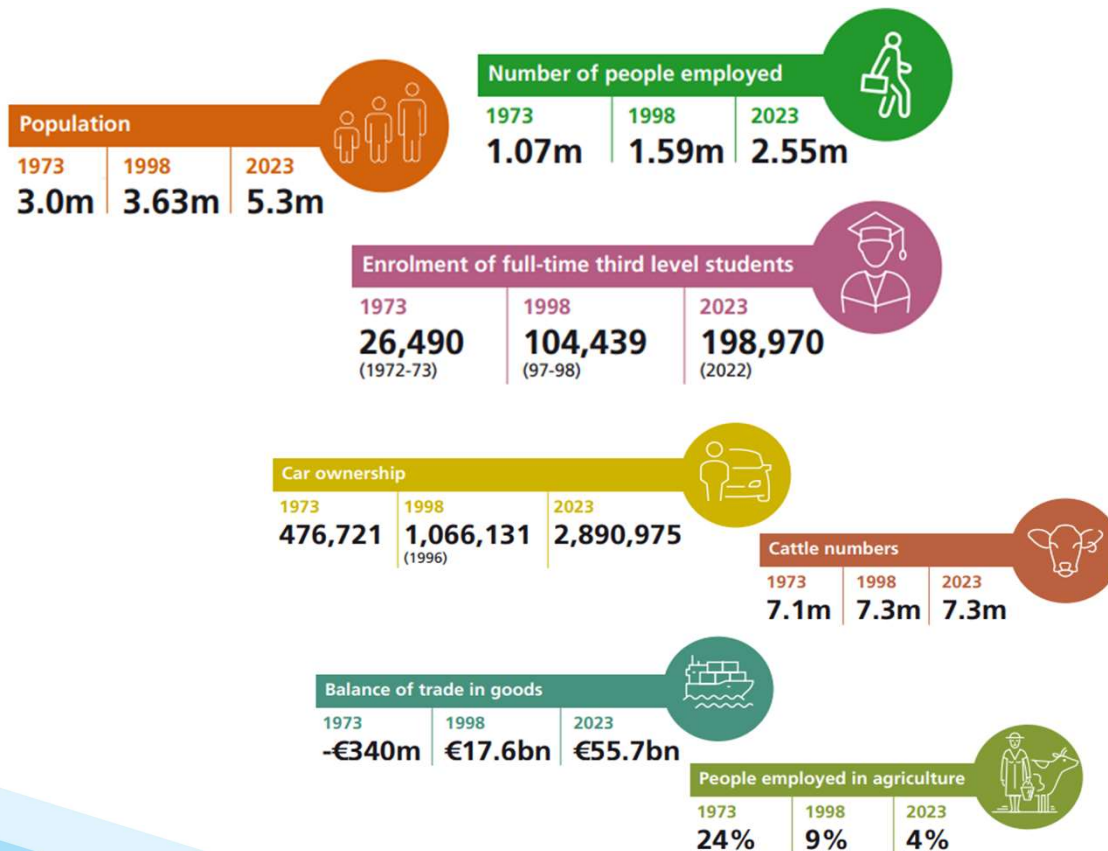
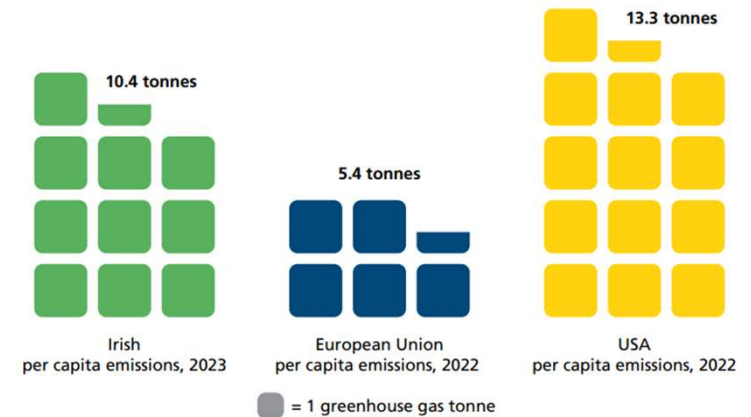


Figure 4.6 Comparative per capita greenhouse gas emissions



Planning: Purpose



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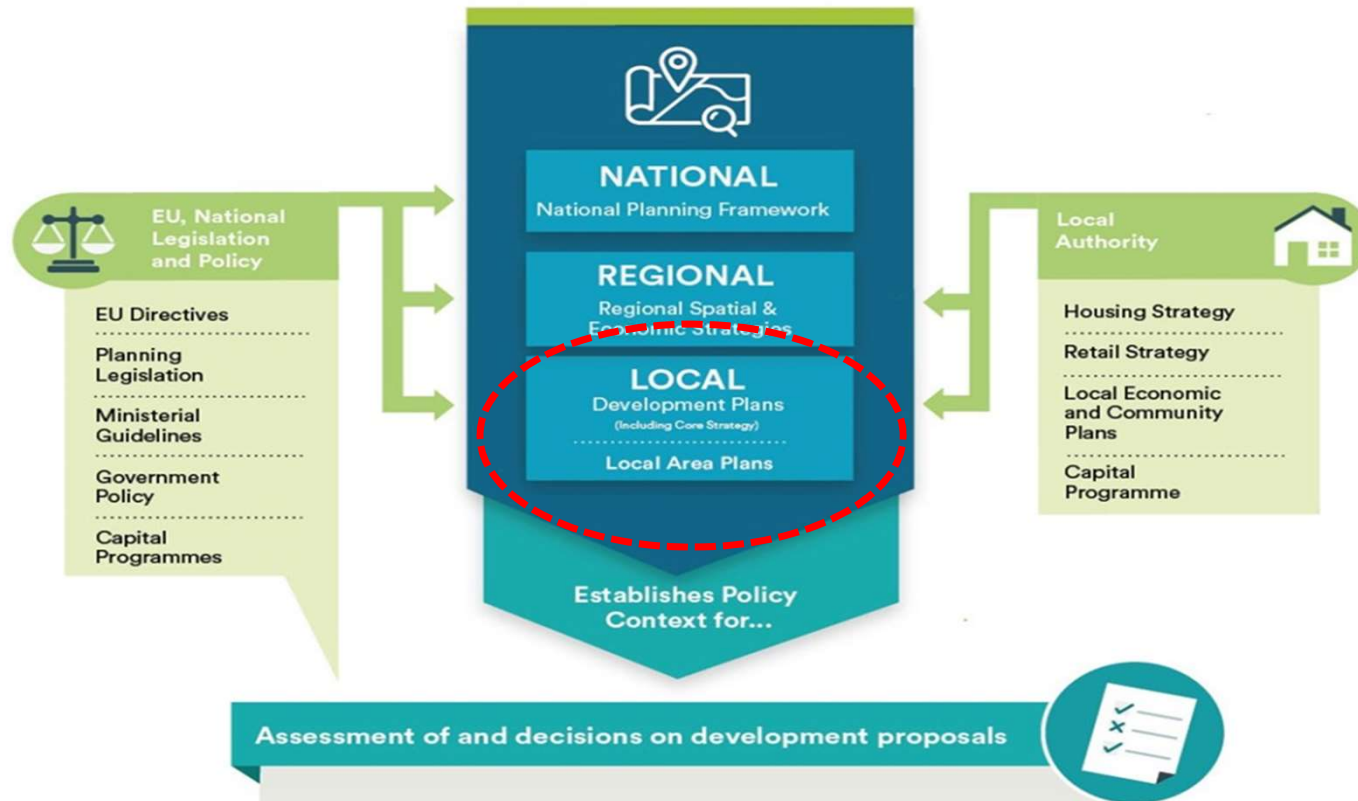
- Historical Origins of Planning
- Sustainable Development & Regeneration
- Economic Development
- Housing Development
- Sustainable Places and Communities
- Environment and Climate Change
- Conservation of Natural and Built Heritage



Irish Planning System An Overview



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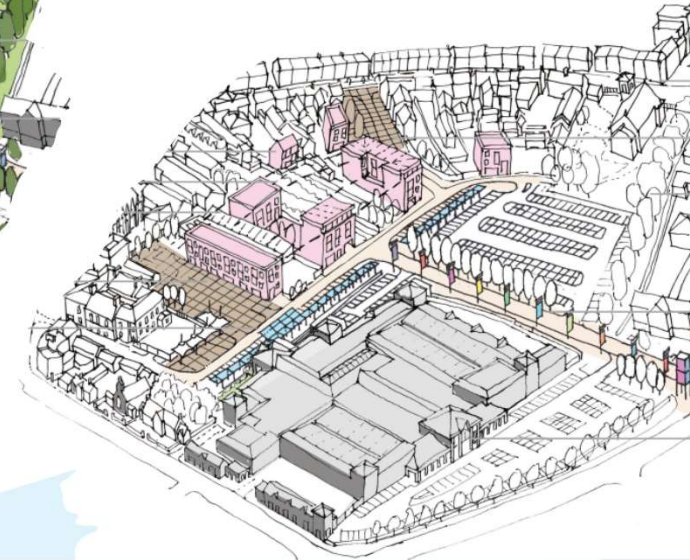
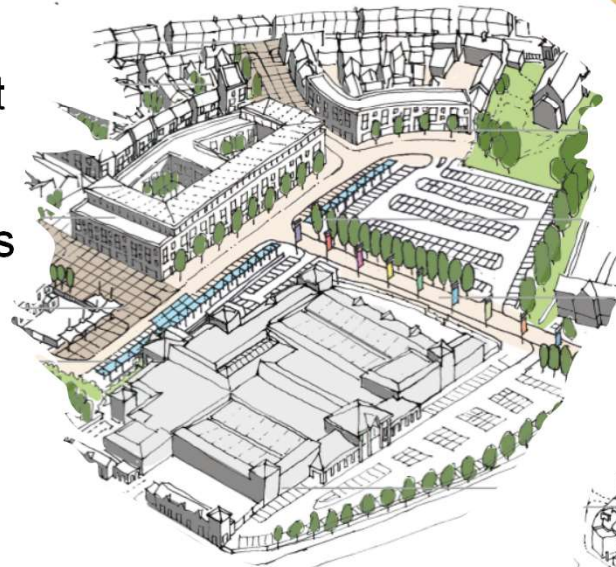
Place-Making & Well - Being

Taking “damaged” / hidden places...

New Visions & Potential

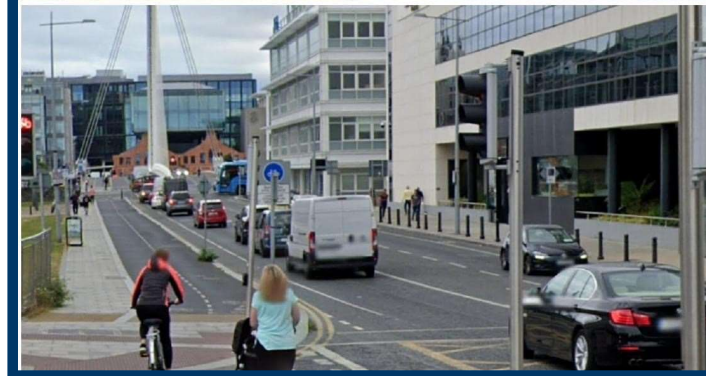
Engagement Empowerment Enablement

Delivering Healthier places & communities



Place-making:

Before....



After...

Local Authority Leadership:



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LA Leadership in Place Wellness: Town Centre First:

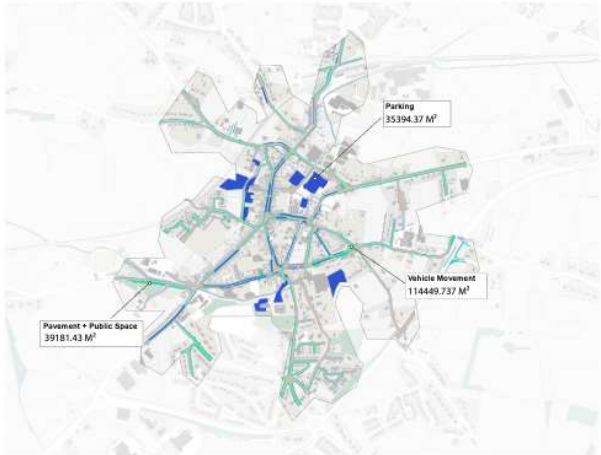


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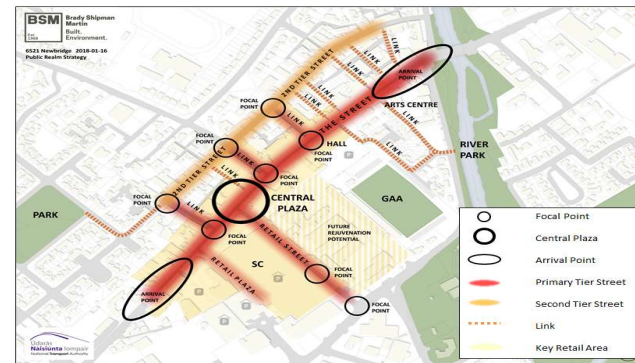
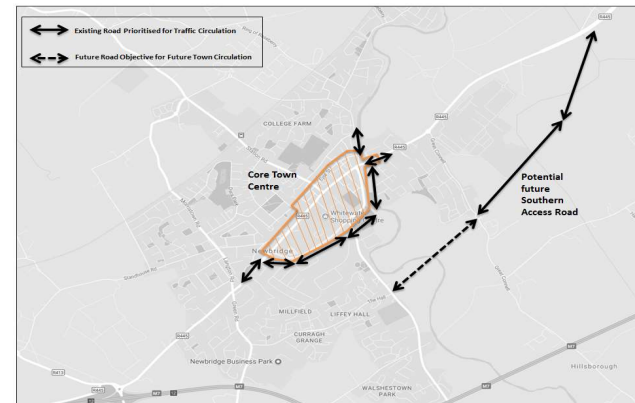
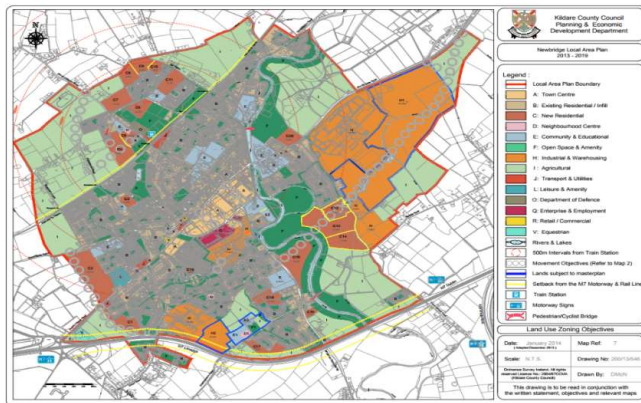
- Policies & support for **Action** to improve our Towns and make them adaptable to today's needs...
- **Place-making, community development and well-being** in real terms...
- Placing Town Centres, including businesses and communities at the **heart of evidence-based decision making**...
- Providing mechanism for **evidence informed funding** within an overall strategic vision to ensure real results....



Town Centre First Plans:



Active Travel



Health – Environment – Biodiversity

Figure 14.13 Contributors to and dynamics within the One Health paradigm

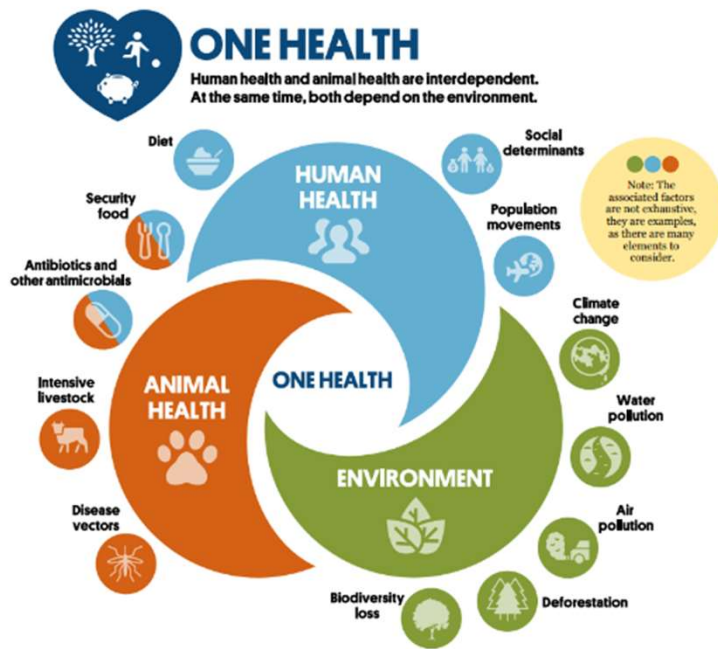
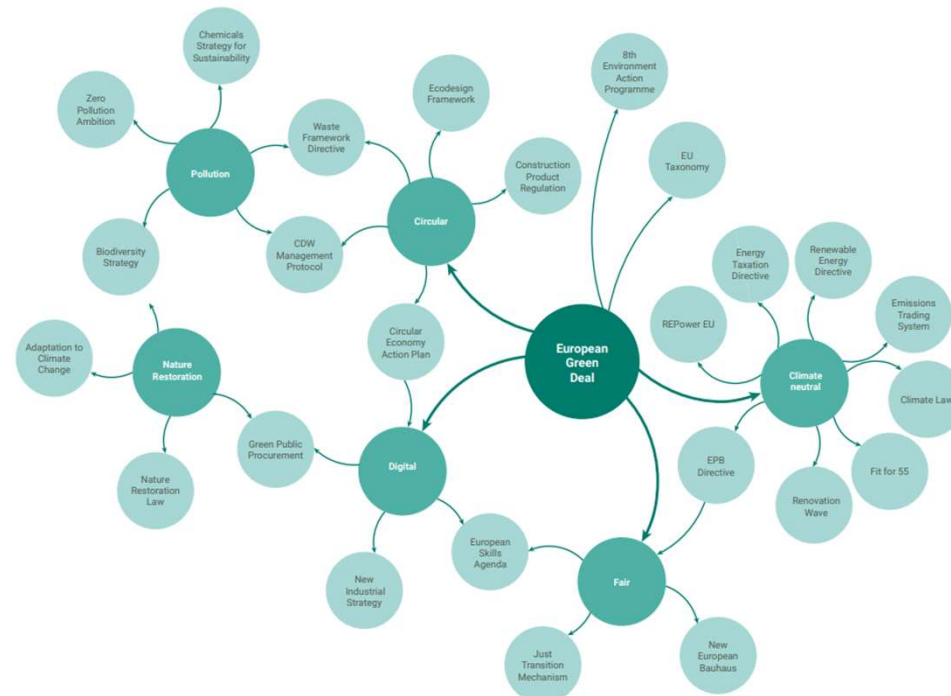
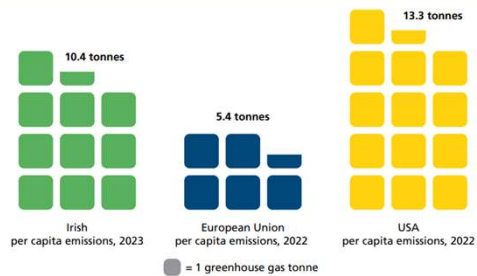


Figure 1.1 European Green Deal and associated policy initiatives



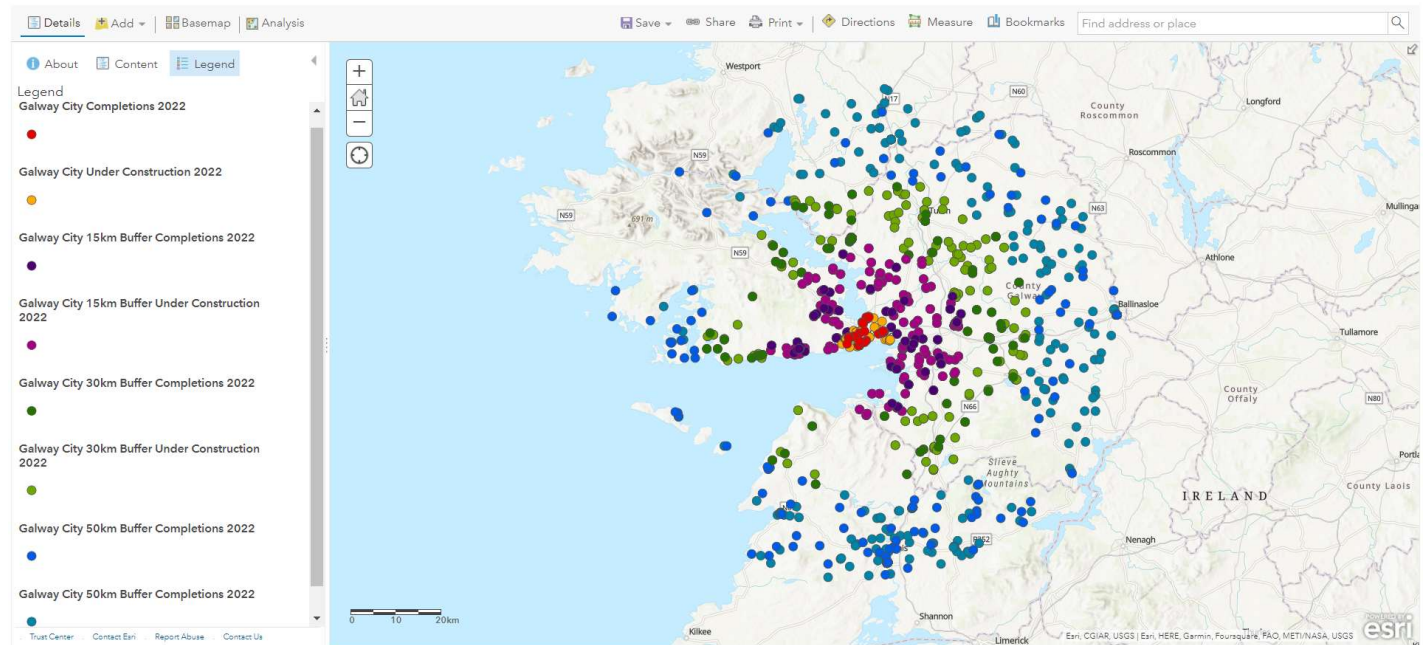
Leadership vs Reality...

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Home ▾ Galway Housing 2022 ✎

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Need for Homes in Galway City (p.a.)
City Completed/Under Construction:
Within 30km:

1000
181
1060

Planning – Environment - Health

- **EPA State of Environment Report 2024:** *“Protecting the environment is key to protecting our health and we must act to reduce the modifiable risks to our health from environmental exposures”...*
- **Huge area for LA leadership** – range of funding and delivery mechanisms have opened up... TCF – Active Travel – URDF – RRDF etc
- **Building up Multi-Disiplinary Capacity** to deliver is critical: Ministerial Action Plan on Planning Resourcing (Oct 2024)
- **Making the Connections:** enabling the sector to take on difficult decisions in the face of vested interests...
- **Training – Knowledge – Resources** vital

