



PLANNING & PEOPLE

Policy, place and power

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A Caring City?

So what has planning got to do with caring?

Why I Care

I am a long time carer for family members with mobility issues, sensory issues and other extra support needs.

I saw the impact of inaccessibility from a young age and wanted to change it.

Now I am-

15 years in Planning Practice
Have Masters in Planning, Urban
Design and Regeneration
Now in Academia with a focus on
diversity and consultation



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CURRENTLY

The current carers strategy acknowledges planning issues in the scope-

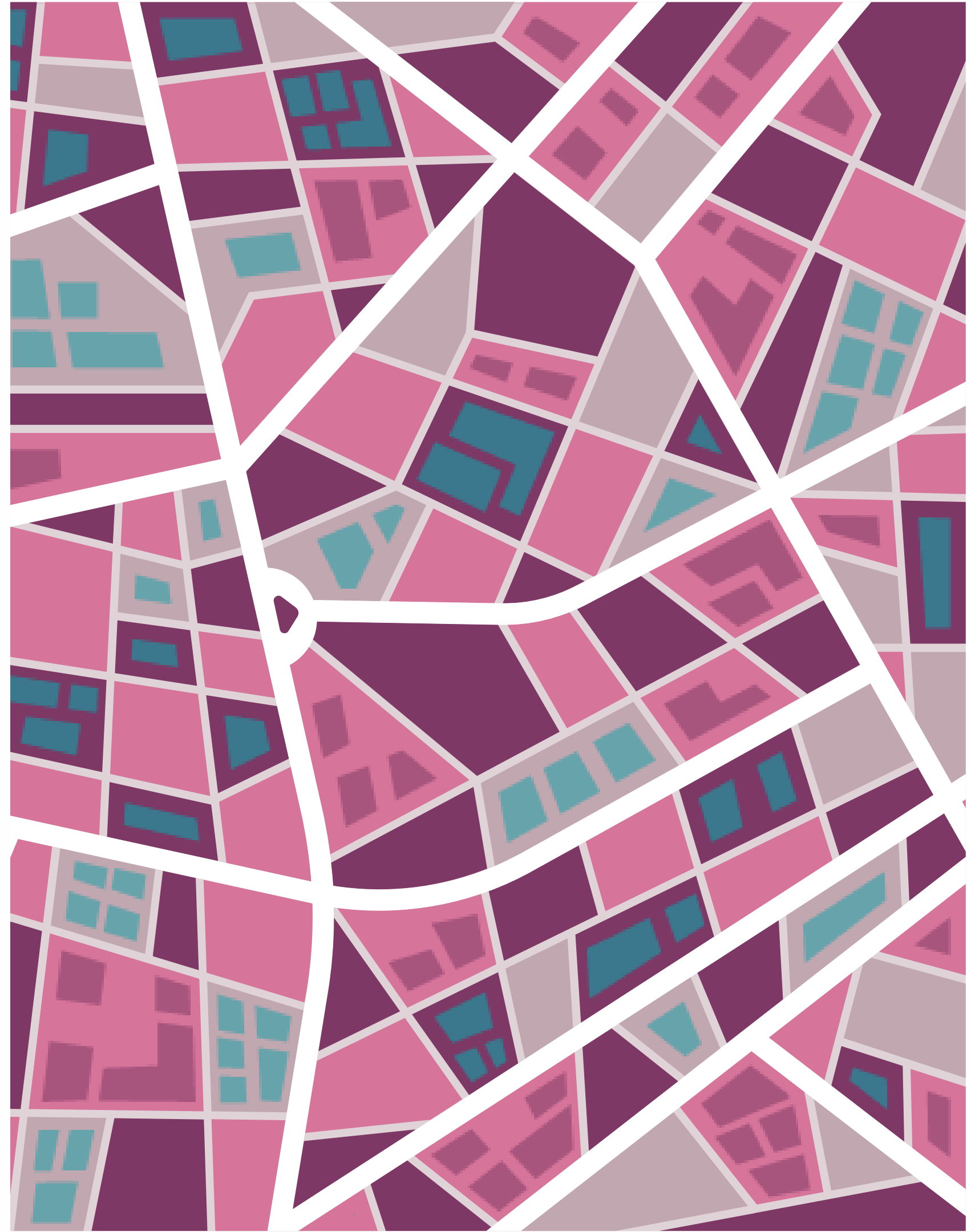
Caring can affect all aspects of a carer's life. During the preparation of this Strategy, the following issues were highlighted as priority areas for action; income support, health and personal social services, housing, information, respite, transport, training, labour market.

CURRENTLY

None of the Goals or Objectives deal with Housing.

The reference to transport or the labour market does not reference the spatial and economic plans that govern these areas.

DOEHLGH or bodies involved in planning are not referenced in the Departments Responsible listing





Planning Policy

Geography of Care



Does spatial
policy
consider
Care?

Sort of...



National Policy

I) Age Friendly

National Policy Objective 30

Local planning, housing, transport/ accessibility and leisure policies will be developed with a focus on meeting the needs and opportunities of an ageing population along with the inclusion of specific projections, supported by clear proposals in respect of ageing communities as part of the core strategy of city and county development plans.

National Policy

2) Healthcare Planning

National Strategic Outcome 10

Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services



Acute Hospital Services
Community Healthcare Services
Integrated Health and Social Care Services
including
Mental Health Services
Disability Services
Services for Older People

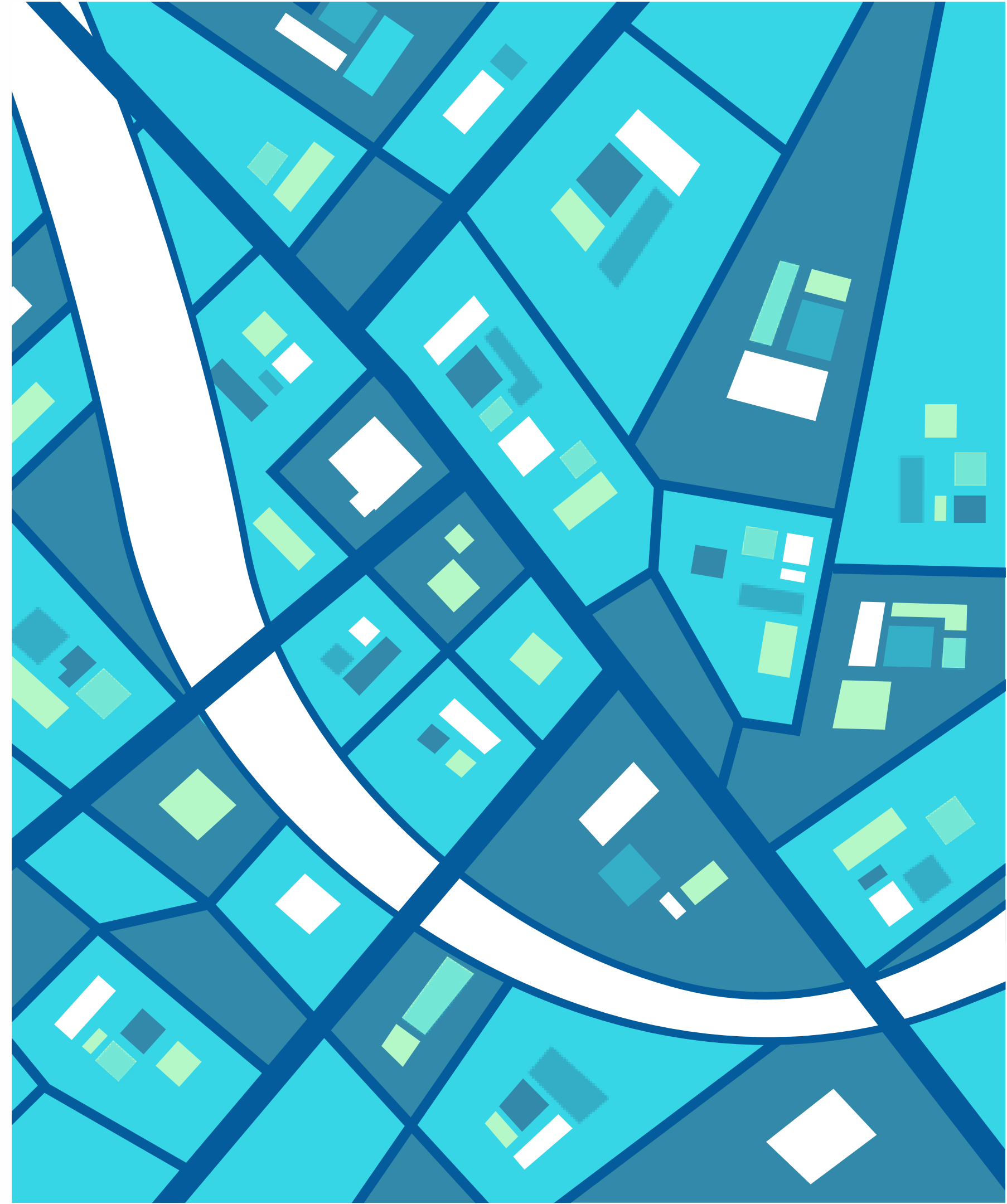
Lack of Integration

Caring Policy

Silent on the Spatial
And not influential...

Spatial Policy

Silent on Caring-
but not without effects





So what² is my big idea²?

Changes are afoot in
planning- could they grow to
include all Social Policy?



An Integrated Policy Environment



Planning Act² 2024

**Creating a policy hierarchy, led
by a long term strategy on
planning, economic development
and regional development.**

So why not Social?

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Planning Act² 2024

Requires policy consistency

**Creates a method for
identifying and funding services
as well as projects**

**Includes Community
Consultation... but Ireland has a
poor track record of this**

Needs HSE alignment...



Small Actions Now

Carers Policy only gets you so far- so get involved in Planning when you have the chance.



HOW?

Consultations on Plans-
every 6 years
National, Regional and
County level
Free and (relatively) easy
online



Thank you! ✦

Questions?