

Have Your Say

Help Shape the Future of the Southern Region

The Southern Regional Assembly has commenced the review of the **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy** (RSES) for the Southern Region. The RSES sets the long-term strategy for planning and economic development in the Southern Region, up to 2040 and will include Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans (MASPs) for Cork, Limerick-Shannon, and Waterford.

Four Issues Papers have been prepared which provide an overview of the RSES review process and issues to assist the public in responding to the review.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region (RSES) 2027 - 2040

Cork Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan Issues Paper (C-MASP)

Limerick - Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (LS-MASP) Issues Paper

Waterford Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (W-MASP) Issues Paper

The RSES supports regional implementation of the National Planning Framework and informs County Development Plans.

The RSES will address key issues affecting the future development of the Southern Region, such as:

- How can we meet needs for housing and public amenities across our Cities, Metropolitan Areas, Towns, and Rural Communities?
- How can the RSES design high-quality services and places that create vibrant communities?
- What environmental and sustainability opportunities should be prioritised for adaptation and growth in the Region?
- How can we provide for energy independence for our region and country?
- How can we deliver mobility and transport systems that are efficient, accessible, and sustainable across the Region?
- How can the Region strengthen its economy and attract investment while supporting success, competitiveness, and reduced inequality?
- How can the Region build on its existing knowledge, research, and educational strengths and create wider opportunities for people to access skills, learning, and innovation?

Every organisation and individual has a role to play in shaping the future of the Southern Region, and this is your opportunity.

Early input is especially valuable, as it helps shape the broad themes and overall direction before more detailed content is developed. Further stages of consultation on more detailed proposals will be open later in the process.

Submissions can be made by **Friday 22nd May 2026** via:

- online at consult.southernassembly.ie
- email to rses@southernassembly.ie
- by post to RSES Submissions, Regional Planning Unit, Southern Regional Assembly, Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford X91 F8P