

Notice of Public Consultation on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region.

The Southern Regional Assembly was established in January 2015 under the Local Government Act 2014 and is part of the regional tier of governance in Ireland. One of the principal functions of the Assembly is the delivery of a Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), a new concept in Irish planning where both spatial planning and economic factors are brought together into one all-encompassing strategy to set out a framework for the future development of the Southern Region.

The objective of the RSES shall be to support the implementation of the National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040 and the economic policies and objectives of the Government by providing a long-term spatial planning and economic framework which shall be consistent with the NPF and the economic policies or objectives of the Government.

[Here](#) is copy of public notice (see the notice attached to add link to webpage).

The draft RSES and associated documents are now placed on public display and are available to view at the offices of the Southern Regional Assembly in Waterford and at all constituent Local Authority Planning Department offices. The documents may also be inspected online at www.southernassembly.ie. Copy of the documents are also available for view and inspection at the Planning Department at Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow R93E7R7 for inspection at the Planning Counter from 9.15pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Please note however that Planning Counter Opening Hours are open from the hours of 9.15am to 3.30pm.

Submissions or observations on the draft strategy or associated environmental reports can be received between **Tuesday 18th December 2018 and 5pm on Friday 08th March 2019** (both dates inclusive) through one of the following media:

Online: www.southernassembly.ie

Email: rses@southernassembly.ie

Mail: RSES Submission, Southern Regional Assembly, Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford. X91 K256.

The Regional Assembly will consider all submissions made in writing within the stated period before adopting the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.