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CONTEXT

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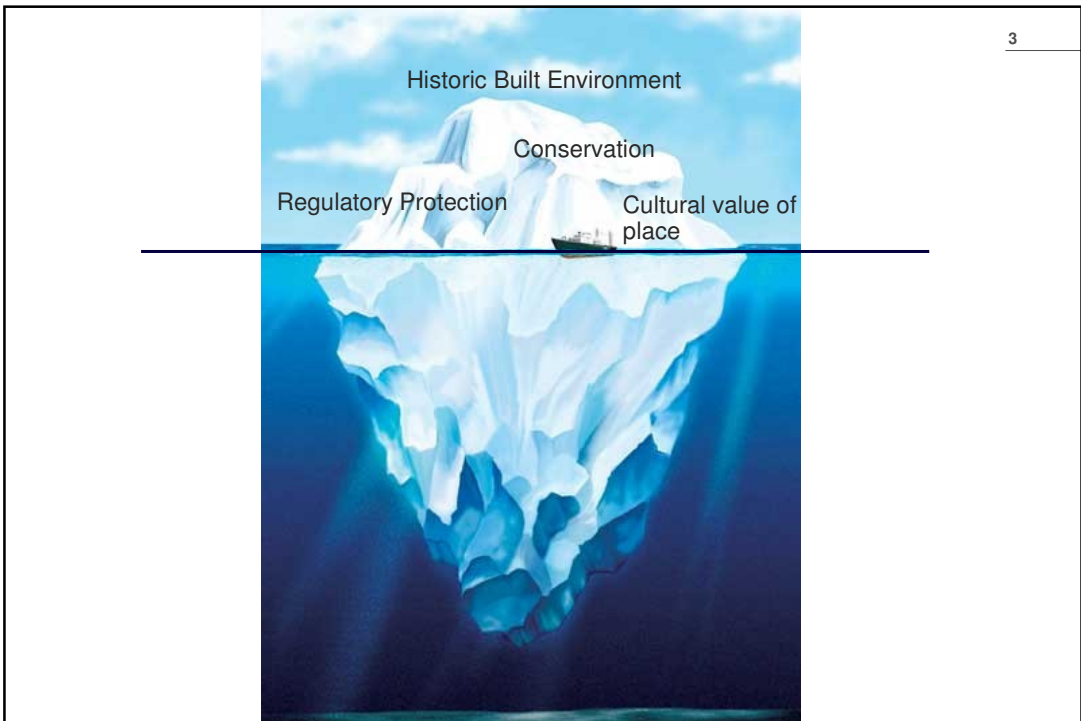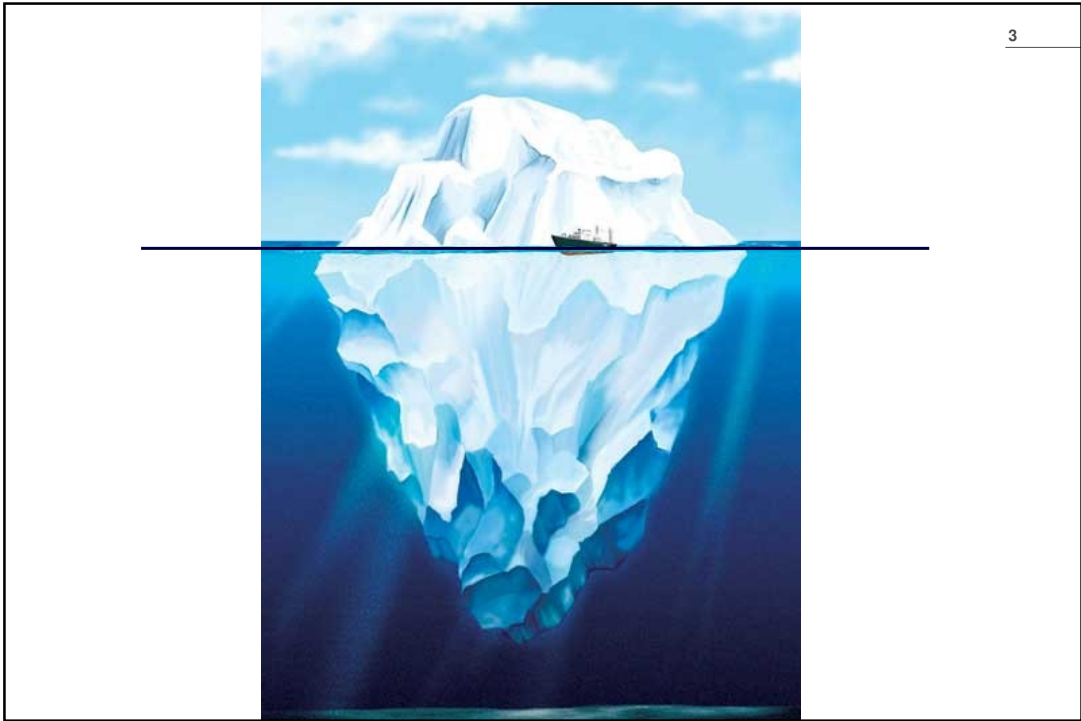
Key objectives of DAHG:

Statement of Strategy
To conserve and manage our unique heritage for the benefit of present and future generations,
as a support to economic renewal and sustainable employment, and in compliance with legal obligations.
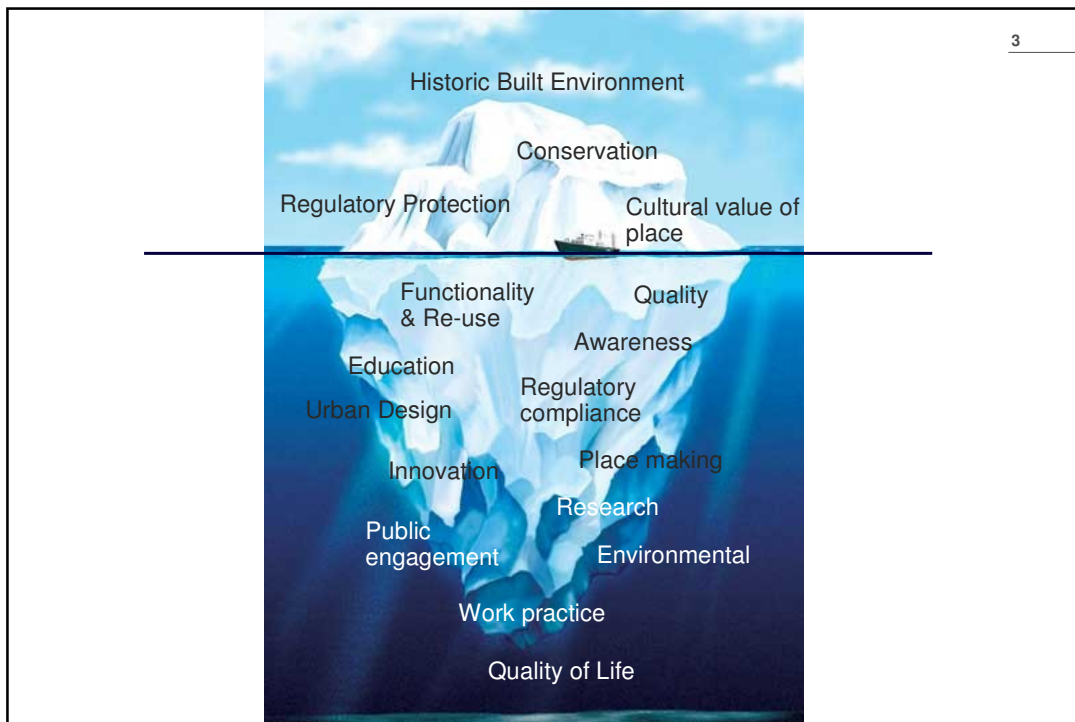

Built Heritage and Architectural Policy objectives
key areas of responsibility are to develop, promote and implement policies and legislation for the
protection of architectural heritage and to promote best practice in modern architecture & urban design.
The key objectives in this regard will be to:

(i) provide a policy and legislative framework to protect architectural heritage as a national resource;

(ii) promote increased public awareness and appreciation of architecture and our national built heritage;

(iii) ensure that our built heritage is conserved, managed and planned for effective, sustainable
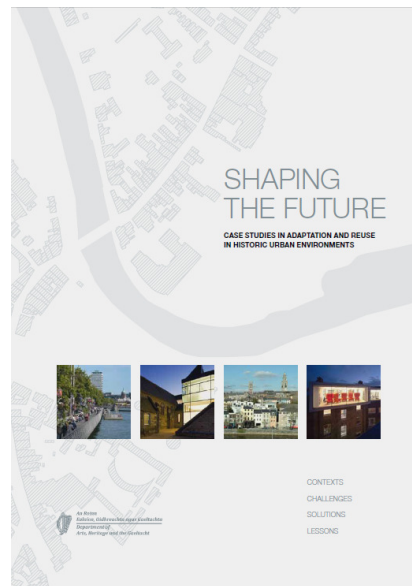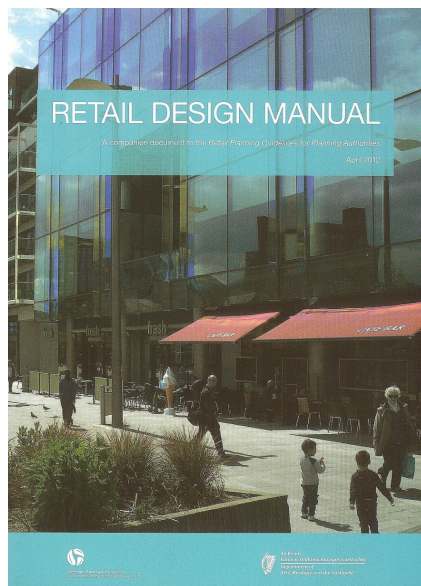   management of our heritage resources.

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Functionality & Re-use

Quality

Awareness

Education

Regulatory compliance

Urban Design

Innovation

Place making

Research

Public engagement

Environmental

Work practice

Quality of Life

Heritage Policy developments in 2012 included:

- A review of the legislation protecting the Built Heritage to promote more efficient operation- Part (iv) P&D Acts 2000-2012;

- Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) Pilot Development 2013;

- GPA: Focus on *re-use* guidance for Historic Built Environment – Macro to micro urban renewal approach;

- Review of the existing fiscal framework for Built Heritage;

- Using and co-ordinate funding available under the Built Heritage Capital Programme of the Department and elsewhere to invest in heritage tourism renewal: Historic Towns Initiative (HTI)/LEADER/Failte Ireland

Heritage Policy developments in 2012 included:

- Target the reduced capital resources now available to the Department to those protected structures most at risk of deterioration/destruction (SRF);

- Progress implementation of the Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015 priority actions, in particular, those that support the National Recovery Plan in areas such as job creation, research, and the development of sustainable policies for the built environment – Energy Efficiency and retro-fit programme;

- Development and completion of a National Landscape Strategy (NLS);

- DAHG Reuse BPM and Retail management guidelines with DECLG with focus on Historic town centres;
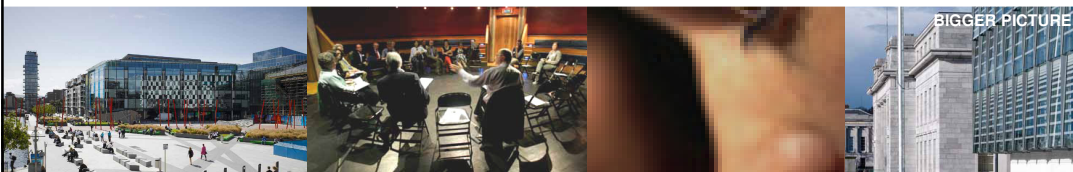
VISION

OBJECTIVES

Historic Towns Initiative (HTI): Pilot Framework/Toolkit

1. Spatial planning: - Strategic objectives in Development Plan/LAP's;
                                       - Urban Design Framework approach;
                                       - Quality in Design/application to Public Realm;

2. Fiscal incentives: - Specific incentives to be examined;
                                       - Create the right environment for growth;

3. Urban Governance: - Implementation and control mechanisms;
                                       - Quality assurance;
                                       - Local external bodies/community groups;

4. Funding: - Alternative mechanisms for financial leverage;

5. Construction employment: - Heritage led-regeneration approach to "re-use";

6. Post review on Pilot: - Evidence based approach.

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Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015
Towards a Sustainable Future: Delivering Quality within the Built Environment

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GPA 2009-2015, Architecture Ireland, Shaping the Future 2012, (RIAI and IAF).