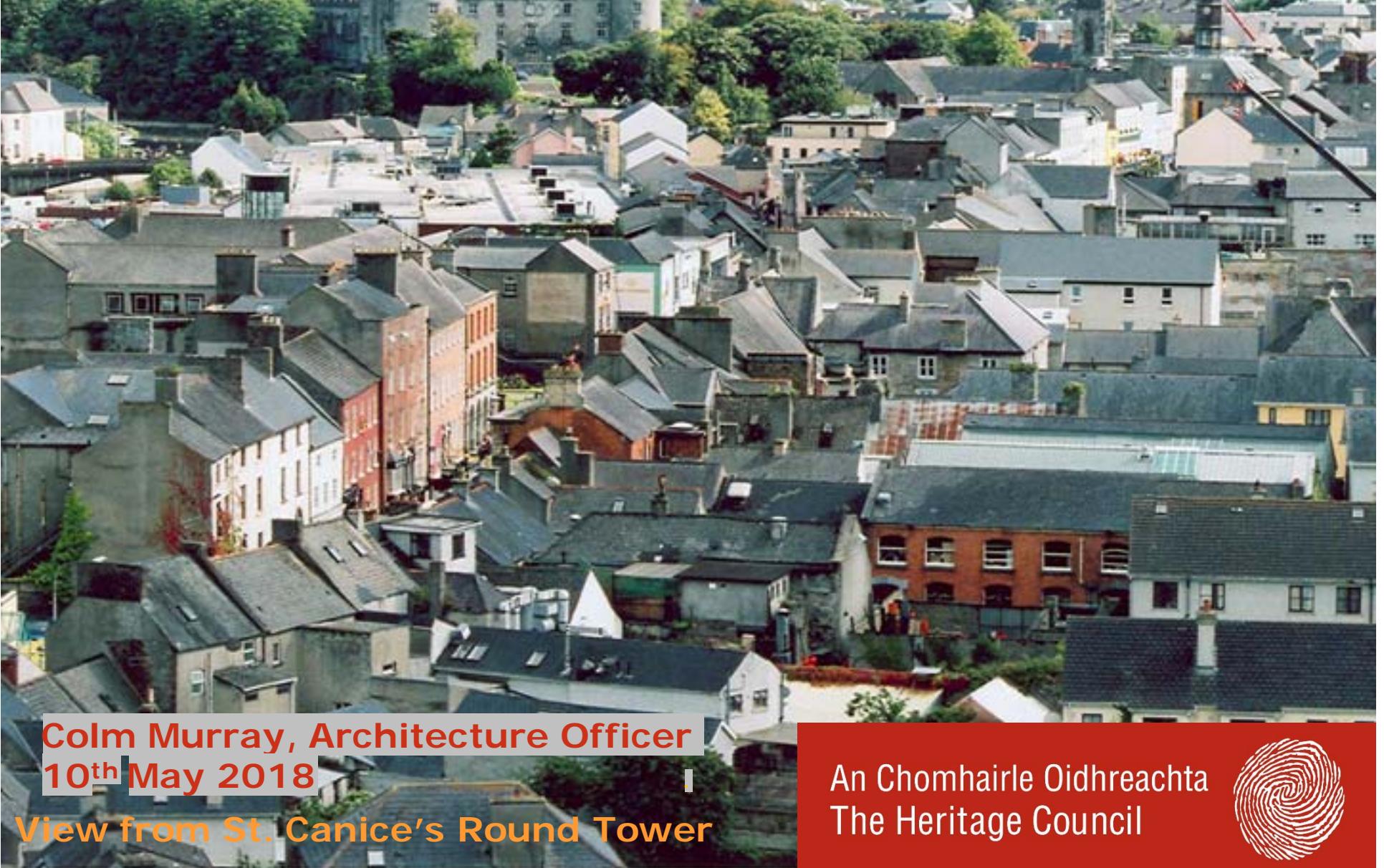


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10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

View from St. Canice's Round Tower

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# Four 'Heritage' ideas:

- Long-term vision and 'residential amenity'
- Redundant buildings and towns
- 'Historic Urban Landscape'
- Kilkenny's smaller towns

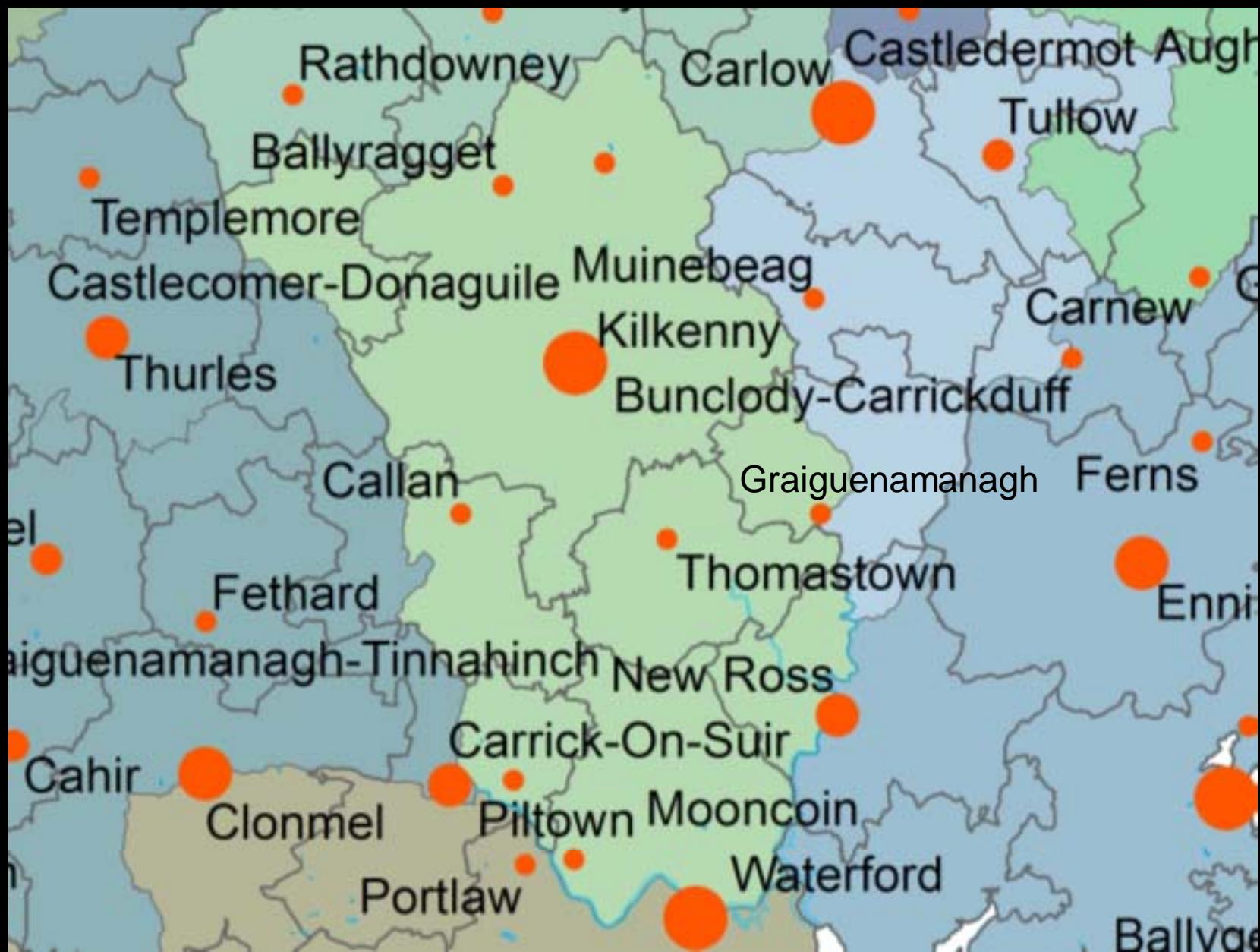


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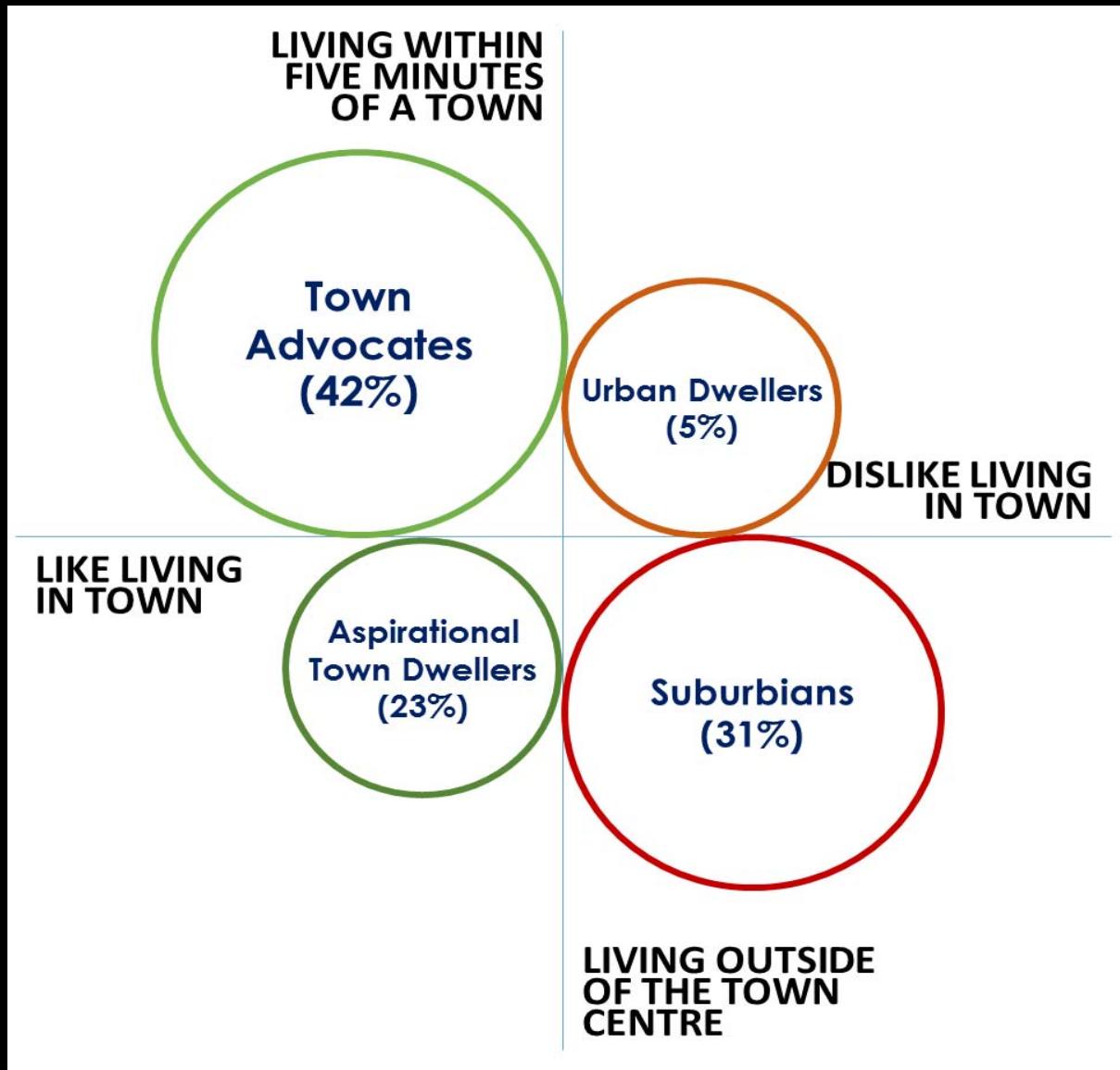


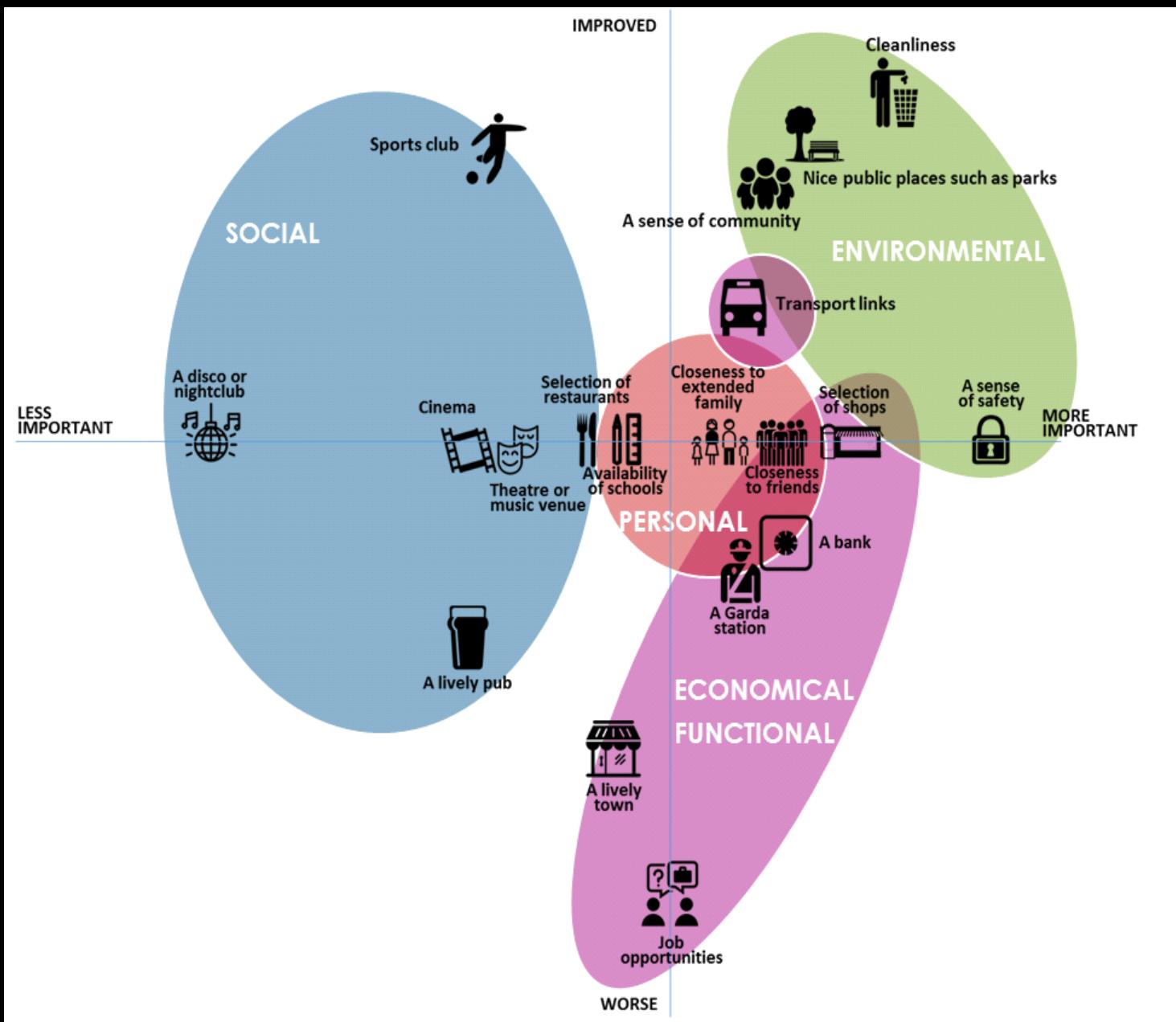
**Sustainability suggests we should live in towns**

# Travel to work areas



# Who wants to live in a town?





# How do people in Ireland today see towns?

# The economic and functional value of Irish towns

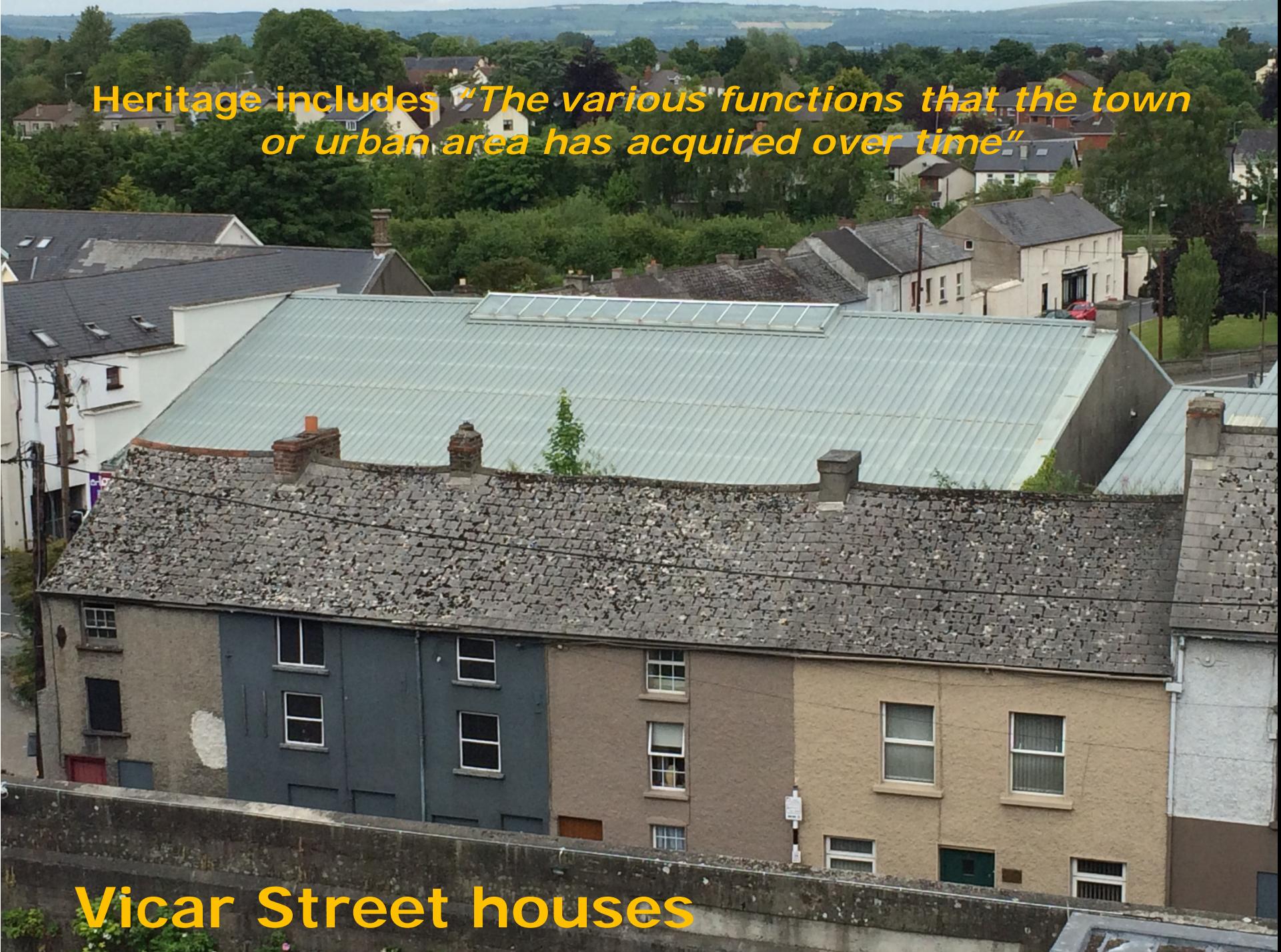
A photograph of a protest march at night. Many people are holding up handmade signs made of paper and cardboard. The signs contain various messages such as "SHAME ON YOU MINISTER", "SAY NO TO TESCO", "CELEBRATIONS", "IT'S A TESCO", "Oust The Government", "POST OFFICE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY", "TALKING IS GONE", "USE US DON'T LOSE US", "KERRY", and "COMMUNITY WANT MOTOR TR". In the foreground, a large red sign reads "RABBITTE TAKEN WHILE POST OFFICES CLOSE".

"We've lost our small shops  
We've lost our small pubs,  
We've lost our small creameries,  
We've lost our hardware shops,  
What more do they want?"

Leinster House 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Who wants to live in a small house?  
The role of the local authority is to  
Remove the barriers, regulatory and cultural**



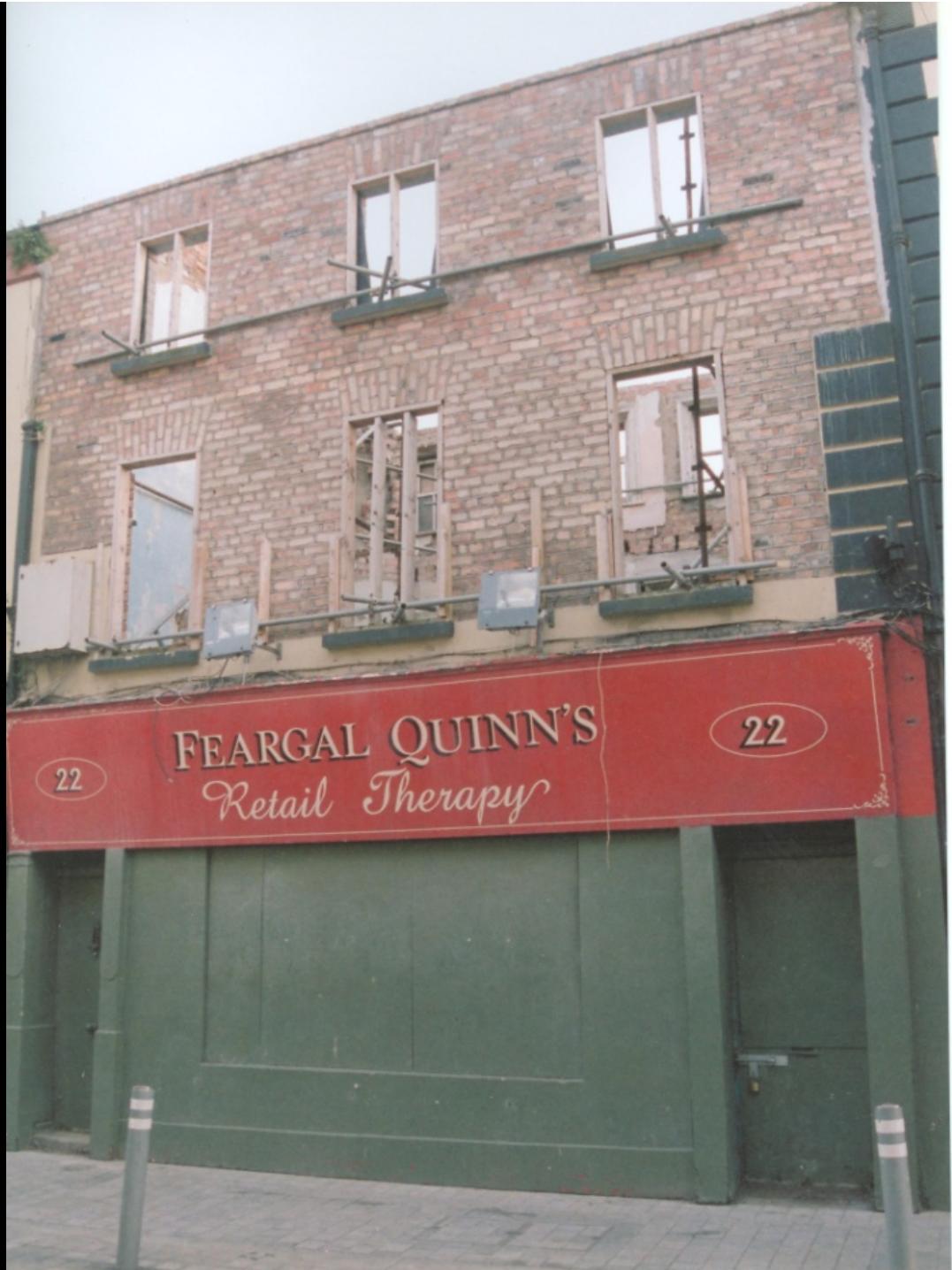


**Heritage includes “*The various functions that the town or urban area has acquired over time*”**

**Vicar Street houses**

# Making use of existing resources

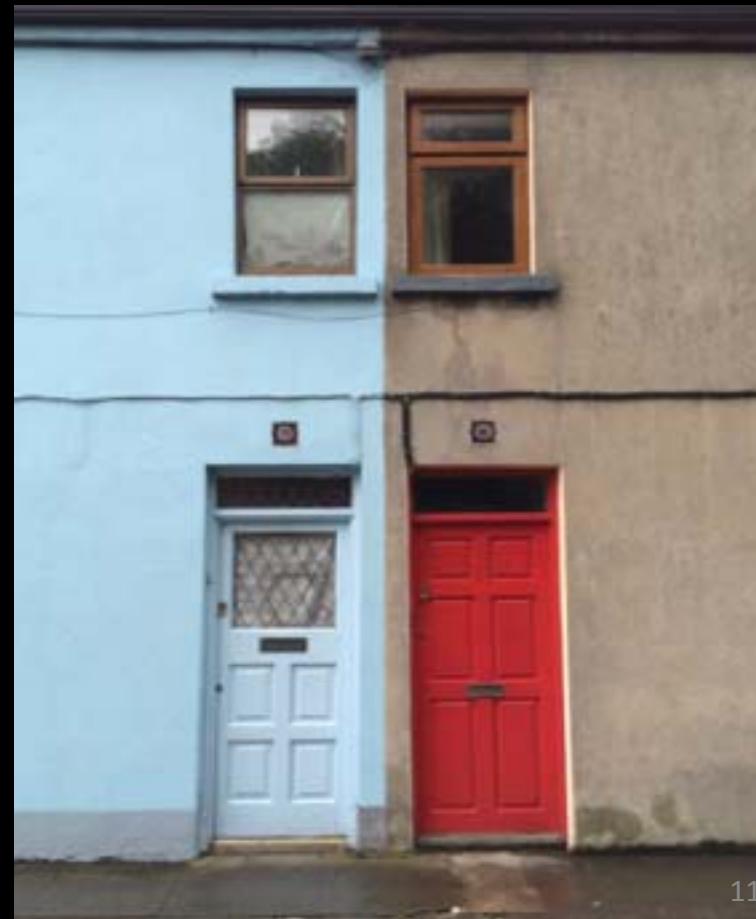
e.g. living  
over the shop



*'Official Ireland needs to recognise  
where people  
actually live'*

*Neasa NíChroinin Walking  
Wisdom Wood Quay, July 2015*

*... and, since  
we have a  
housing  
crisis, where  
people could  
live!*



# Census 2016

## – vacancy rates for selected Kilkenny towns

	Housing Stock (Number)	Vacant holiday homes (Number)	Other vacant dwellings (Number)	Total vacant dwellings (Number)	Vacancy rate (%) incl. Holiday homes	Vacancy rate excl holiday homes
<b><i>State</i></b>	2,022,895	61,204	<b>198,358</b>	259,562	12.8	<b>10.1%</b>
Leinster	1,046,545	12,103	78,005	90,108	8.6	<b>7.5%</b>
Kilkenny	39,534	520	3,209	3,729	9.4	<b>8.2%</b>
<b>001 Kilkenny No. 1 Urban</b>	2,614	25	263	288	11	<b>10.2%</b>
<b>002 Kilkenny No. 2 Urban</b>	1,890	20	213	233	12.3	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>074 Graiguenamanagh</b>	850	30	128	158	18.6	<b>15.6%</b>
<b>005 Callan Urban</b>	814	8	102	110	13.5	<b>12.7%</b>
<b>026 Castlecomer</b>	986	3	99	102	10.3	<b>10.1%</b>
<b>048 Gowran</b>	576	2	66	68	11.8	<b>11.5%</b>
<b>019 Pilltown</b>	769	8	65	73	9.5	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>025 Ballyragget</b>	604	4	63	67	11.1	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>075 Inistioge</b>	423	34	41	75	17.7	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>054 Paulstown</b>	393	19	29	48	12.2	<b>7.8%</b>
<b>058 Shankill</b>	322	3	29	32	9.9	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>030 Moneenroe</b>	512	2	56	58	11.3	<b>11.0%</b>
<b>027 Clogh</b>	507	3	44	47	9.3	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>098 Urlingford</b>	517	3	41	44	8.5	<b>8.0%</b>
<b>047 Freshford</b>	434	4	40	44	10.1	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>039 The Rower</b>	326	10	34	44	13.5	<b>10.8%</b>
<b>024 Attanagh</b>	154	5	32	37	24	<b>21.5%</b>
<b>062 Ballyhale</b>	184	0	23	23	12.5	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>083 Stonyford</b>	337	86	22	108	32	<b>8.8%</b>
<b>064 Bennettsbridge</b>	443	5	21	26	5.9	<b>4.8%</b>
	<b>13,655</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>

# Town renewal needs Fiscal Incentives

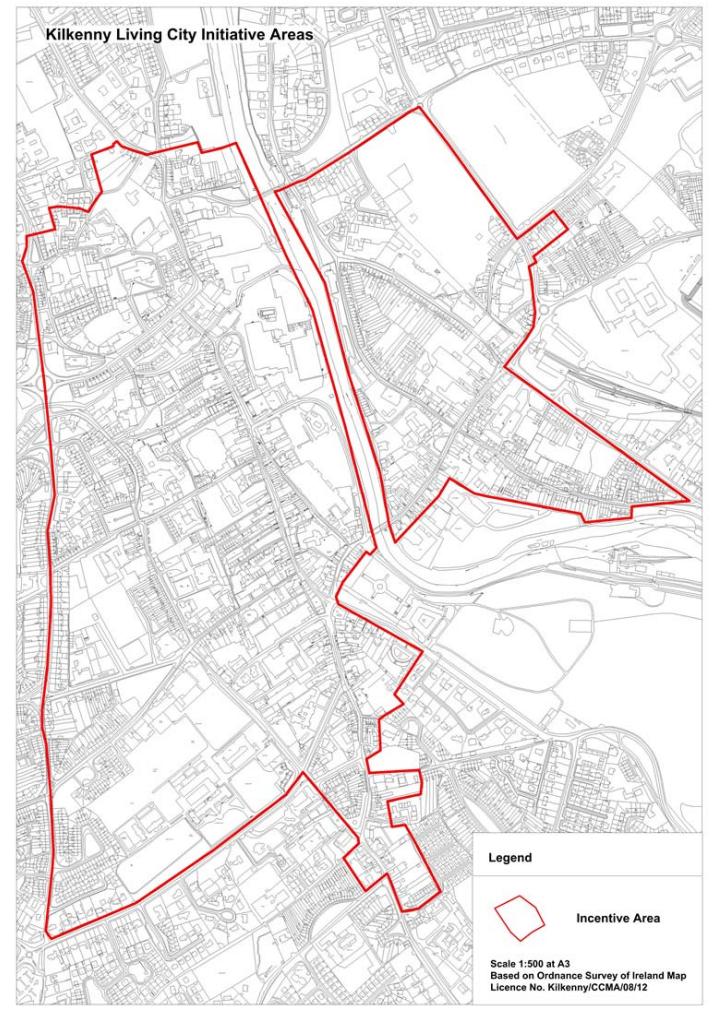


# Extend the Living City Initiative



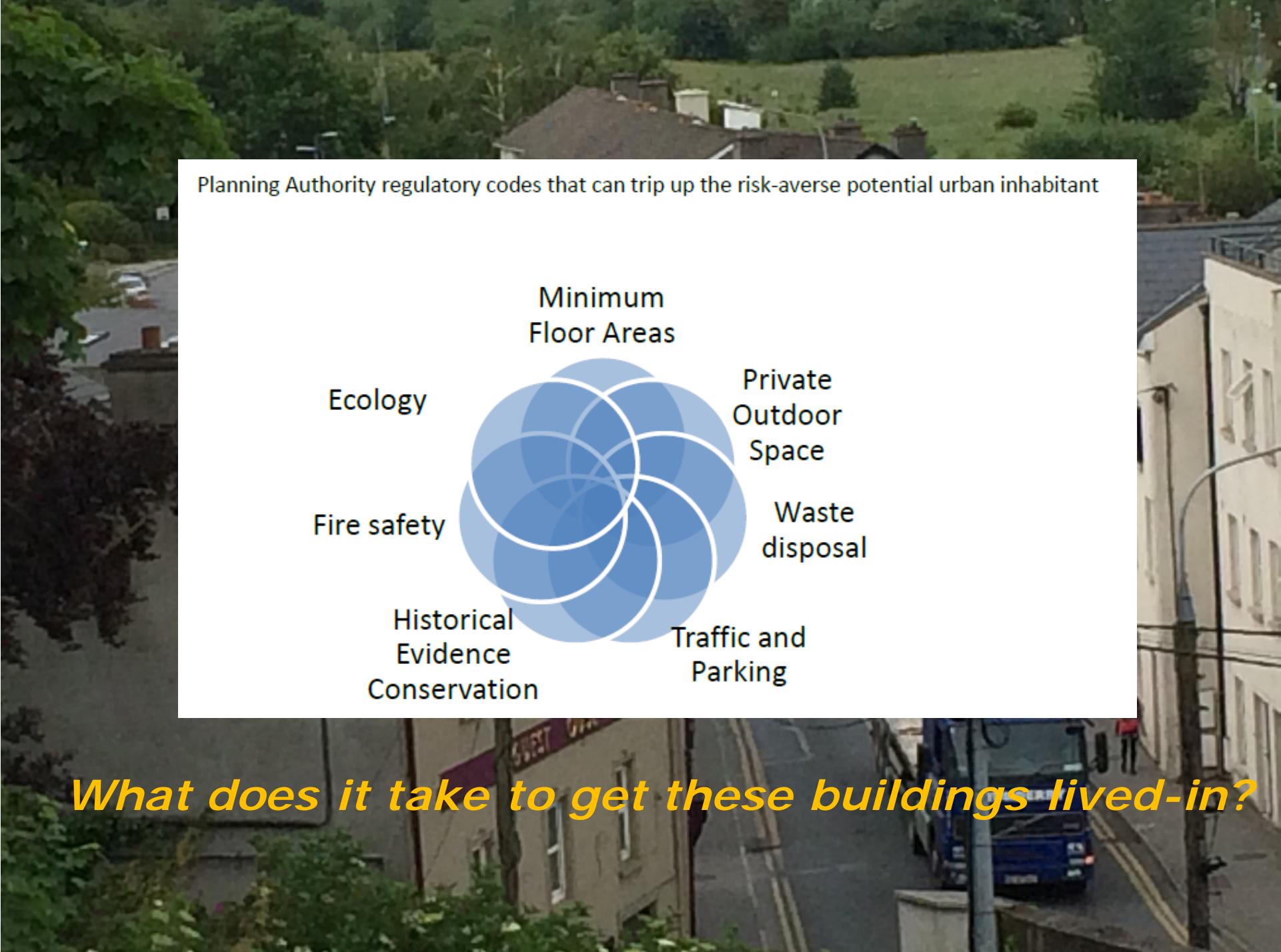
.... But with modifications!

# Living City Initiative



## Opportunity site?

Would make Kilkenny a better place to live if this was improved



Planning Authority regulatory codes that can trip up the risk-averse potential urban inhabitant



*What does it take to get these buildings lived-in?*

UNESCO  
New ideas about  
The socio-cultural  
factors that make a  
place great

The image shows the front cover of a journal titled "World Heritage papers". The cover is divided into several sections: a black header bar at the top with the UNESCO logo and the number "27"; a white section below it with the title "World Heritage papers" in blue; a large orange section on the right with the word "papers" in white; a central image of a city skyline at sunset; and a vertical orange sidebar on the left with the text "Managing Historic Cities • Gérer les villes historiques". At the bottom, there are logos for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Heritage Convention, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the International Association for the Study of Historic Cities and Towns (IAHS), the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOM), and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOM).

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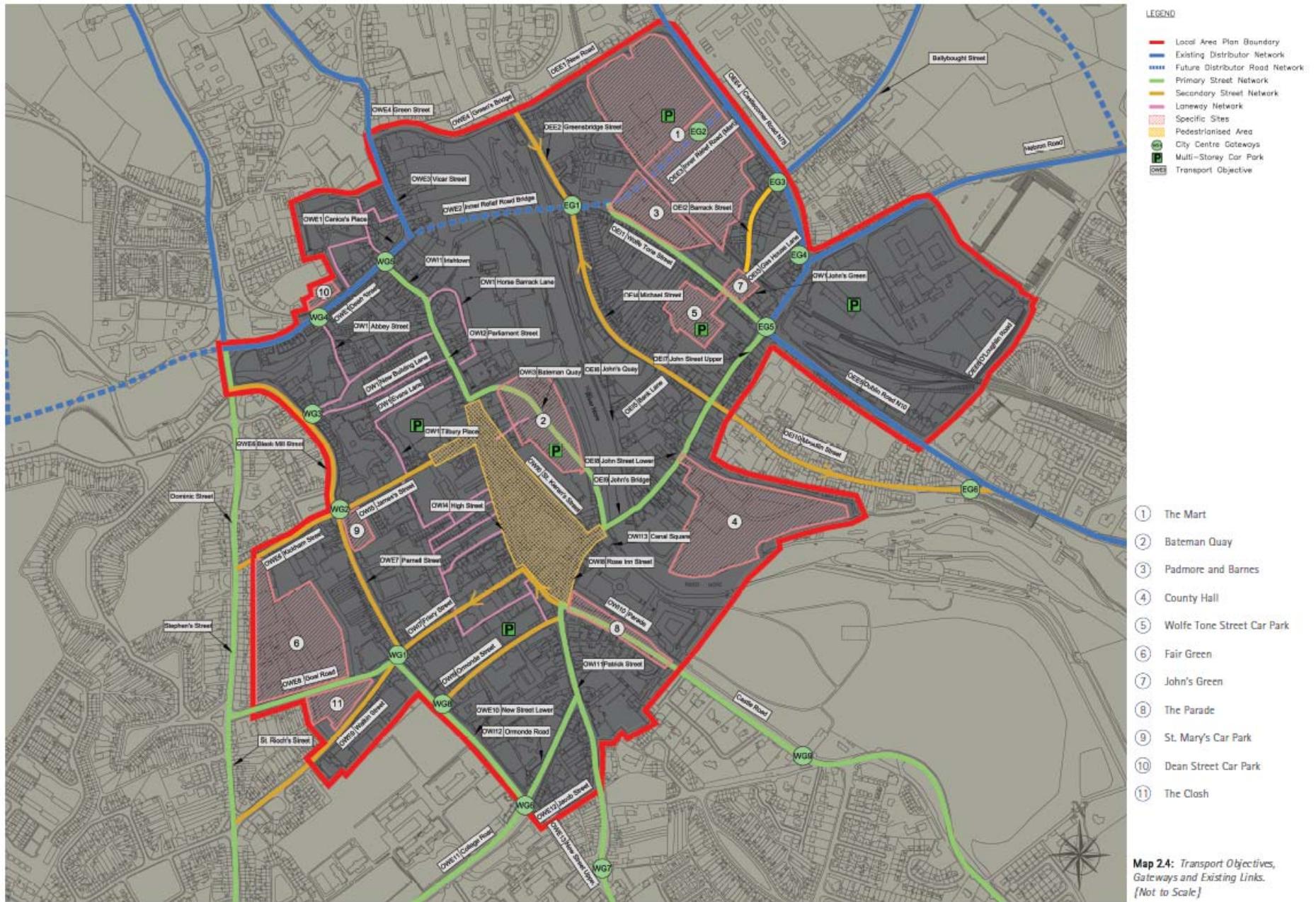
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**Look at  
what  
Kilkenny  
has**





**128 vacant dwellings in Graiguenamanagh**





# Policy Proposals for Ireland's Towns

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## 6 recommendations :-

1. Ireland needs an Urban Policy
2. Rural Towns and Villages Network
3. Fiscal incentives for Heritage-led Urban Regeneration
4. Rural Economic Development means improving small towns and villages
5. Local authorities' support and new approach is crucial
6. Let's keep tabs on what's going on

# Urban heritage should be part of the planning system

## The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas

Adopted by the 17th ICOMOS  
General Assembly on  
28 November 2011



## Principes de la Valette pour la sauvegarde et la gestion des villes et ensembles urbains historiques

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## Principios de La Valeta para la salvaguardia y gestión de las poblaciones y áreas urbanas históricas

Adoptado por la XVII Asamblea  
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## Принципы Валлетты по сохранению и управлению историческими городами и урбанизированными территориями

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# Thank You!

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