

**Table 8.1 Evaluation of Development Plan Policies and Objectives with Strategic Environmental Objectives**

	Direct Potential Positive Environmental Effects = + Indirect Potential Positive Environmental Effects = -  Direct Potential Negative Environmental Effects = - Indirect Potential Negative Environmental Effects = -- Unknown Potential Environmental Effects = ? Neutral Environmental Effects = 0	Environmental Protection Objectives						
		Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna (B, F & F)	Population & Human Health (P & HH)	Soil (S)	Water (W)	Air & Climate (A & C)	Material Assets (MA)	Cultural Heritage (CH)
<b>Chapter 1: Overall Strategy</b>								
	<b>Strategic Goals</b>							
	Promote balanced and sustainable economic development that will enable Galway City to fulfil its role as a National Gateway and a Regional Centre, providing sufficient employment opportunities and appropriate services.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
	Use the role of the Gateway to harness the strengths and maximise the economic development of the region.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0
	Provide for a built and natural environment that is of high quality and that contributes to providing a good quality of life for residents and visitors and affords sustainable transportation opportunities.	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
	Promote social inclusion in accordance with the National Anti-Poverty Strategy 2007 and the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016 and aim to reduce and ultimately eliminate poverty levels in accordance with national targets.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilitate the achievement of the goals contained in the GCDB Strategy Gaillimh Beo agus Briomhar 2002-2012.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through proactive measures in line with EU commitments to tackle climate change.	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
	<b>Policy</b>							
	Facilitate the future strategic development of Galway City as a Gateway City having regard to National and Regional Plans, Policies and Guidelines and having regard to the recommendations of the Galway Transportation and Planning Study.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
	Have regard to the targeted population growth of the city as a NSS Gateway as defined by the DEHLG and ensure corresponding future development needs for such a population are planned for in particular in relation to settlement, housing, enterprise and infrastructure.	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
	Facilitate the future sustainable development of the city within the strategic settlement framework as informed by DEHLG population targets, the GTPS, Transportation strategies and the need for regeneration of key sites.	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
	Support the implementation of the transportation strategy for Galway City in conjunction with all other transport providers and transport stakeholders in line with national policy, in particular Smarter Travel - A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-
	Initiate the Development Strategy during the currency of this Plan and carry forward this approach to future development plans, supported by key investments and plan led growth strategies.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
	Promote and enhance the natural and built environment of the city while facilitating sustainable development and growth and encouraging appropriate measures to reduce man-made greenhouse gas emissions and increase the use of renewable energies.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>								
	<b>Strategy</b>							
	Implement the recommended settlement strategy for the city in particular through the development of Ardaun.	+/-	+	+/-	?	+/-	-	+/-
	Develop Ardaun in accordance with national guidelines which promote sustainable development and integration of land-use and transportation.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

		Environmental Protection Objectives							
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	Encourage sustainable neighbourhoods of high quality residential development, which will contribute to a sense of place and will provide a mix of housing types in an attractive setting.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Promote sustainable neighbourhoods where community facilities and services of an appropriate nature and are easily accessible.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Protect, enhance and explore opportunities for environmental improvements to existing residential areas in particular in city centre residential areas.	+	+	?	0	+	+	+	+
	Accommodate through land use zoning the requirements of the Housing Strategy.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Require local area plans, framework plans, design statements and site briefs for significant sites in advance of proposals.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Secure the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2009-2013.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Neighbourhoods Policy</b>								
	Encourage the development of sustainable residential neighbourhoods, which will provide for high quality, safe, accessible living environments which accommodates local community needs.	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
	Encourage sustainable neighbourhoods, through appropriate guidelines and standards and through the implementation of local area plans, framework plans and masterplans.	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
	Protect and enhance new/existing residential neighbourhoods through appropriate guidelines and standards, preparation of framework plans, development briefs and design statements.	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	In the design of residential developments regard shall be had to the guidelines for 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' and the accompanying 'Urban Design Manual - A Best Practice Guide' (DEHLG 2009).	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	<b>Outer Suburbs Policy</b>								
	Encourage higher residential densities at appropriate locations, especially close to public transport routes.	?	+	+	?	+	+	0	?
	Ensure that sustainable neighbourhoods are places where housing, streets, open spaces and local facilities come together in a coherent, integrated and attractive form.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Ensure the layout of residential developments has regard to adjoining developments.	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+
	Encourage a mix of housing types and sizes within residential developments.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Encourage the use of 'home zones' within residential developments.	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+
	Require residential developments of over 10 units, to provide recreational facilities as an integral part of the proposed open space.	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+
	Ensure a balance between the reasonable protection of the residential amenities of the outer suburbs and the protection of the established character and the need to provide for sustainable residential development.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Established Suburbs Policy</b>								
	Ensure a balance between the reasonable protection of the residential amenities and the established character and the need to provide for sustainable residential development.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Encourage additional community and local services and residential infill development in the established suburbs at appropriate locations.	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0
	Enhance established suburbs, such as the Mervue residential area, through the implementation of environmental improvement schemes and the protection of all open spaces, including existing green spaces.	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
	Finalise and implement the draft regeneration plan for Ballinboile Park entitled 'A Better Ballinboile'.	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
	Carry out a regeneration plan for open spaces in Ballybaan.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	<b>Inner Residential Areas Policy</b>								
	Protect the quality of inner residential areas by ensuring that new development does not adversely affect their character and has regard to the prevailing pattern, form and density of these areas.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Enhance Inner Residential Areas, such as Claddagh, Shantalla and Bohermore, through the implementation of environmental improvement schemes and the protection of all open spaces, including existing green spaces.	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
	<b>City Centre Residential Areas Policy</b>								
	Protect and enhance city centre residential areas by discouraging encroachment from commercial development and unacceptable infill developments.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
	Enhance inner city residential areas through implementation of environmental improvement schemes including, where appropriate, home zones and recreational facilities in conjunction with local residents.	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0
	Encourage the expansion of the city centre residential community by requiring a residential content in new development proposals.	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0

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	Consider the redevelopment of the City Council car park at Bowling Green to meet social housing needs.	-	+	-	0	-	-	-	-
	<b>Low Density Residential Areas Policy</b>								
	Protect the character of these areas by ensuring new development has regard to the prevailing pattern, form and density of these areas.	-	+	-	-	-	0	0	-
	Protect the characteristics of these areas through development standards and guidelines.	+	+	-	-	-	-	0	-
	<b>Mews Housing Development Policy</b>								
	Prepare a co-ordinated plan for areas of the city, which have potential for mews housing development.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Traveller Accommodation Policy</b>								
	Encourage the provision of accommodation for Travellers having regard to the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 and subsequent plans.	?	+	?	?	?	0	?	?
	Facilitate the specific accommodation needs of Travellers through land use zoning objectives.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Specific Objectives</b>								
	Prepare an environmental improvement scheme for the Mervue residential area.	-	+	-	0	-	+	0	+
	Prepare environmental improvement schemes for Claddagh, Shantalla and Bohermore residential areas.	-	+	+	0	-	+	0	+
	Prepare a regeneration plan for the open space areas of Ballybaan.	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
	Finalise the draft regeneration plan for Ballinfoile Park entitled 'A Better Ballinfoile' and implement actions where feasible and subject to funding.	-	+	-	0	-	+	0	+
	Develop best practice advice for the design of homezones.	-	+	-	-	-	0	-	+
	Prepare an environmental improvement scheme for the area known as 'The West' that incorporates submissions already made by residents.	-	+	-	0	-	+	0	+
	Prepare an enhancement scheme for Whitehall.	-	+	0	0	-	+	-	+
<b>Chapter 3: Transportation</b>									
	<b>Strategy</b>								
	Support and facilitate the improvement and further development of a public transport system and encourage the use of other sustainable modes of transport in accordance with national policy as set out in the Smarter Travel policy and the National Cycle Framework Plan.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Co-ordinate an integrated sustainable transportation system for the city and environs in conjunction with service providers, Galway County Council and other relevant agencies.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Support and facilitate the development of integrated land-use and transportation proposals, based on delivery of a high quality integrated sustainable transportation system, in order to facilitate the overall economic well-being and competitiveness of the City Gateway, and to ensure the movement of people and goods in a manner that improves ease of access for all, enhances quality of life and enhances the environment.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Support the aims and objectives of the Galway Transportation Unit and implementation of recommended actions.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Support and facilitate in conjunction with other agencies a modal change from the private car to more sustainable modes of transport, namely public transport, walking and cycling.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Support the construction of the GCOB as approved in addition to a revised western link to the R336.	?	+	?	?	+/-	+	?	?
	<b>Land Use and Transportation Policy</b>								
	Promote closer co-ordination between land-use and sustainable transportation through zoning objectives.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Encourage higher residential densities in co-ordination with high quality sustainable transport systems, in conjunction with the provision of accessible bus routes.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Develop residential neighbourhoods served by public transport.	-	+	-	0	+	-	-	-
	Provide for development of district centres and local centres to reduce traffic trips and encourage sustainable transport modes, such as walking and cycling.	-	+	-	0	+	+	-	-
	Prepare local area plans which will give detailed direction to include for the integration of land-use and sustainable transportation provision.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-

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	<b>Promotion of Sustainable Transportation Policy</b>								
	To promote, facilitate and co-operate with other agencies in securing the implementation of an integrated sustainable transportation strategy for the city, in line with the Department of Transport's 'Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020' .	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Support and facilitate in conjunction with other agencies a modal shift from the private car to more sustainable modes of transport, such as walking, cycling and public transport.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	<b>Galway Transportation Unit Policy</b>								
	Promote measures recommended by the Galway Transportation Unit (GTU) based on recent transport studies.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Co-ordinate with the service providers, other agencies and Galway County Council in the implementation of these measures.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Support a Rapid Transit Route running along an west-east alignment from Ballyburke to Ardaun, via the city centre and linking major settlement and employment centres.	+/-	+	+/-	?	+/-	+	?	?
	Facilitate and implement an enhanced bus network throughout the city and continue to implement continuous bus priority measures at critical points along the enhanced bus network.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Promote the development of Mobility Management Plans with employers and travel generators in the city and promote the reduction in car based travel using such plans.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Co-ordinate with service providers, schools and other agencies with an objective to reduce school generated traffic.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	<b>Integrated Transportation Plan Policy</b>								
	Formulate an integrated transportation plan for the city, taking account of national policy as set out in the Department of Transport's Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020 and the National Cycle Policy Framework 2009.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Encourage the development of a viable public transport system.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Promote and facilitate rail transport in particular the development of commuter rail and improved inter-urban routes and make provision for the integration of rail with other transport modes.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Reserve strategic transport corridors in the interest of long-term transport plans.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Support the long-term plans for the redevelopment of Ceannt Station as a multi-modal transportation interchange in the context of Galway as a gateway and a Regional Centre.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Promote the provision of Park and Ride facilities in conjunction with Galway County Council, service providers, government departments and the NRA.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Promote and facilitate safe and convenient walking and cycling routes through land-use policy, specific objectives and guidelines and implement the recommendations of the imminent Walking and Cycling Strategy.	?	+	?	?	+	+	+	+
	Support the provision of improved access to Galway Airport and Galway Harbour area.	?	+	?	?	+	+	+	+
	Promote accessibility for the disabled/mobility impaired.	?	+	?	?	?	+	?	?
	<b>Specific Objectives</b>								
	<b>General</b>								
	Prepare an Integrated Transportation Plan for the city in conjunction with the public transport service providers, the NRA, Galway City Development Board and Galway County Council.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Reserve lands for the approved section of the Galway City Outer By-Pass including a new bridge crossing of the River Corrib and have regard to the emerging route selection for the revised Western link of the GCOB to the R336.	?	+	?	?	+/-	+	?	?
	Investigate and develop road improvements, junction improvements and traffic management solutions in the context of overall traffic management, development of public transport and facilitating access to strategic developments, to maximise the operating efficiency and safety of the network having regard to the requirements of all categories of road users and road network capacity constraints. Such solutions or interventions will be developed in conjunction with the relevant agencies, such as the NRA or the Dept. of Transport, and will, where necessary, be subject to the requirements of the Planning and Development Acts and the Roads Acts.	?	+	?	?	+/-	+	?	?
	Facilitate the development of Ceannt Station as a multi-modal transportation interchange.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide for Park and Ride schemes at strategic locations on approach roads to the city and at key modal change locations, in particular to the east and west of the city.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Establish an Urban Transport Management Centre for the city.	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0

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	Promote mobility management plans and other initiatives amongst employers, education facilities and institutions in conjunction with Galway County Council.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	<b>Public Transport</b>								
	Implement the recommendations of the Galway City Strategic Bus Study (2007) in conjunction with Bus Eireann, the Department of Transport, other agencies and other transport providers.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide for a Rapid Transit Route (RTR) along a west-east alignment from Ballyburke to Ardaun via the city centre and linking major settlement and employment areas.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+	+	?	?
	Support the improvement of access for public transport, pedestrian and cyclists to and within major employment areas and institutions.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Reserve lands for a sustainable transportation corridor parallel with the rail line from the city centre to the eastern city boundary.	+/-	+	+/-	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide a quality bus corridor through HSE/City Council lands at Merlin Park.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+	+	?	?
	Continue to implement bus priority measures and other transport initiatives as identified in the Galway City Strategic Bus Study (2007) and at critical points along the enhanced bus network.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Complete the design of the Tuam Road quality bus corridor in conjunction with Galway County Council and reserve lands accordingly.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide for bus termini and appropriate passenger facilities at Galway Cathedral, Knocknacarra District Centre and within the Headford Road LAP area.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide bus shelters on all routes within the city capable of incorporating future integrated ticketing and future real-time scheduling.	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	Provide for a possible commuter rail stop within the city boundary.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Investigate measures to accommodate bus and pedestrian priority at the crossing of the River Corrib adjoining the Salmon Weir Bridge.	?	+	0	?	+	+	?	?
	Investigate measures to allow for the repair/replacement of Wolfe Tone Bridge having regard to public transport requirements and pedestrian and cyclist safety.	?	+	0	?	+	+	?	?
	Promote the provision of Taxi Stands on the public road network and in new developments where appropriate.	0	+	0	0	?	+	?	?
	Facilitate the provision of public transport and sustainable transport facilities.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	<b>Cycling</b>								
	Prepare a Walking and Cycling Strategy for Galway City and environs and implement its recommendations, where appropriate.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Improve cycling infrastructure in the city through the shared use of bus lanes, increased provision of cycle lanes and rollout of cycle parking facilities.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide a cycle way between Ceannt Station and Renmore having regard to the objective to dual track this section of rail line.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide a cycle way beside the railway line from Renmore/Ballyloughaun to Roscam Park and Curragrean having regard to the objective to dual track this section of rail line.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide a cycle route along the banks of the canal from NUIG to Dominick Street.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide a cycle way along the Terryland River Valley from the Headford Road to Castlegar.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Where appropriate, provide cycle ways in all road schemes where roads are being upgraded.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Provide motorcycle parking facilities at appropriate locations throughout the city.	0	+	0	0	+	+	?	?
	<b>Pedestrian</b>								
	Construct a new pedestrian bridge from Gaol Road to Bowling Green.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Construct a new pedestrian bridge on the piers of the Old Clifden Railway Line from Waterside to the lands of NUIG and allow cycle use if feasible.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Construct a pedestrian bridge from Fisheries Field to NUIG.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Implement a new traffic circulation route to improve the pedestrian environment at Raven Terrace.	0	+	0	?	+	+	?	?
	Prioritise improvements to pedestrian movements from Headford Road LAP area, Woodquay, and Bothar na mBan and ensure that satisfactory linkages are provided in the redevelopment of Ceannt Station and the Harbour area.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	<b>Road Proposals and Improvements</b>								
	Construct a link road from the Sean Mulvoy Road to the Galway Shopping Centre replacing existing access off the Bodkin Roundabout to the Galway Shopping Centre.	-	+	-	?	?	+	?	?
	Provide for upgrading of the Tuam Road (N17) from the Ffont Roundabout with the Eastern Approach Road to the city boundary and including the realignment and relocation of the junction of the Castlegar Road with the Tuam Road.	?	+	?	?	?	+	?	?



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	Enhance linkages and connectivity within the green network identified in Table 4.1.	?	+	?	?	0	+	+	-
	Promote public art, cultural events and exhibitions of public art, as an important part in the design of facilities and amenities.	?	+	?	?	?	-	-	-
	Ensure that all passive and active recreational proposals are considered in the context of potential impact on the environment, sites of ecological and biodiversity importance and general amenity.	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
	Ensure that notwithstanding land use zoning objectives, significant change of use from existing recreational facilities will only be considered if it is clearly demonstrated that either the loss of such a facility would not have an unacceptable impact on recreation and amenity provision in the city, or if an alternative facility is provided of equal or preferably superior benefit to the local community or the city's hierarchy of facilities and amenities.	-	+	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>Greenways and Public Rights of Way Policy</b>								
	Continue to develop and improve the greenway network in the city, providing alternative, accessible circulation routes for pedestrians and cyclists, for the enjoyment and recreational use by the entire community.	.....	+	.....	.....	0	+	-	-
	Develop a strategic citywide coastal greenway from east to west, linking riverside walkways, having regard to nature conservation considerations.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Investigate the potential of linked greenways from the city into the county area, in particular to Barna, Oranmore and Tonabrocky.	?	+	?	?	0	-	-	-
	Create, enhance and maintain accessible and safe public rights of way, where appropriate, for pedestrian convenience and usage.	?	+	?	?	?	-	-	-
	Provide controlled access and linkages into all parks/public open spaces, areas of natural heritage, including along waterways, with minimum disruption to habitats. Ensure that paths and structures are constructed from suitable materials.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Develop and implement a Walking and Cycling Strategy 2010-2015 for the city and its environs.	?	+	?	?	-	-	-	-
	<b>Natural Heritage and Biodiversity Policy</b>								
	Protect, conserve and promote the enhancement of internationally (EU) and nationally designated sites of natural heritage importance, including Galway Bay Complex and Lough Corrib Complex cSACs, Galway Bay SPA and existing and proposed NHAs in the city.	+	-	+	+	+	?	+	-
	Support the actions of the Galway City Council Heritage Plan and Draft Biodiversity Action Plan relating to the promotion of ecological awareness and biodiversity, the protection of wildlife corridors and the prevention of wildlife habitat fragmentation.	+	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
	Co-operate with the NPWS, landowners and stakeholders in the preparation and implementation of management plans for designated sites.	+	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
	Have regard to the relevant aspects of the Galway City Habitat Inventory and to wildlife and biodiversity considerations in supporting the biodiversity of the city and in the Council's role/responsibilities, works and operations, where appropriate.	+	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
	Protect and conserve rare and threatened habitats, including those listed under Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).	+	-	-	-	-	?	+	-
	Ensure that plans and projects with the potential to have a significant impact on Natura 2000 sites are subject to Habitats Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment), under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and associated legislation and guidelines.	+	-	-	-	-	?	+	-
	Achieve a sustainable balance between meeting future recreational needs (both passive and active) and the preservation of the city's ecological heritage.	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+
	<b>Coastal Area, Canals and Waterways Policy</b>								
	Protect and maintain the integrity of the coastal environment by avoiding significant impacts and meeting the requirements of statutory bodies, national and European legislation and standards.	+	-	-	+	-	?	+	+
	Protect natural conservation areas within the coastal area and along waterways and ensure that the range and quality of wildlife habitats are maintained.	+	-	-	+	-	?	+	+
	Develop and enhance the recreational and amenity potential of the city's waterways and coastal area, while not compromising the ecological importance of these areas.	+	-	-	+	-	?	+	+
	Investigate the extensive water resource in the city with a view to exploring where public access and enjoyment can be improved and where potential sustainable uses can be developed to the benefit of the city, and have regard to ecological conservation and safety considerations.	?	+	?	?	0	?	+	+
	Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Western River Basin District Draft River Basin Management Plan 'Water Matters' 2008 in relation to the protection of water quality of surface waters, ground water and coastal waters.	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
	Ensure development and uses adhere to the principles of sustainable development and prohibit any development or use which negatively impact on water quality.	+	+	+	+	0	-	+	-

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	Ensure the conservation of the canal corridor and insist that developments abutting the canal relate to the context of the adjacent environment and contribute to the overall amenity, and explore the possibility of opportunities for public access.	?	+	?	?	0	-	+	-
	Work with stakeholders, including WRFB, OPW, WRBD and Corrib Navigation Trust in the management of the river and canal systems.	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
	Encourage uses which will facilitate conservation of the industrial archaeology legacy of mill buildings, warehouses and associated features.	0	-	-	?	0	-	+	-
	Ensure that developments located adjacent to the River Corrib do not adversely effect the safe and accessible navigation of the river.	0	-	0	-	0	-	+	-
	Ensure the protection of the River Corrib as a Salmonid River, where appropriate.	+	-	0	-	0	?	-	-
	Prohibit the location of structures other than structures with essential links to the waterway within 10 metres of the River Corrib in G agricultural zoned lands.	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
	Facilitate sustainable flood defence and coastal protection works in order to prevent flooding and coastal erosion.	?	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
	Investigate the possibility of the development of a working millrace.	?	-	0	?	-	0	+	+
	Maintain and extend the achievement of the Blue flag Beach Status.	-	-	0	+	0	0	+	-
	Ensure any development within the aquatic environment shall be carried out in consultation with prescribed bodies and with adherence to their guidelines.	+	-	0	+	0	0	-	-
	Protect and maintain, where feasible, undeveloped riparian zones and natural floodplains along the River Corrib and its tributaries.	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	-
	Ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact, incapable of satisfactory mitigation, on protected species.	+	-	-	-	-	0	0	-
	<b>Urban Woodlands and Trees Policy</b>								
	Make Tree Preservation Orders for individual trees or groups of trees within the city, where appropriate.	+	-	+	0	+	0	-	+
	Integrate existing trees and hedgerows on development sites, where appropriate, and require tree planting as part of landscaping schemes for new developments.	+	+	+	0	+	0	-	+
	Manage and develop woodlands in the ownership of Galway City Council for natural heritage, recreation and amenity use, including Terryland Forest Park, Merlin Park Woods and Barna Woods/Lough Rusheen City Park.	+	+	+	0	+	0	-	+
	Continue to promote partnerships with the community for the management and improvement of local open spaces, through schemes such as the Community Planting Initiative.	-	+	-	0	-	0	-	+
	Prepare and implement a plan which identifies suitable parts of the road and street network for the planting of trees.	+	+	+	0	+	0	-	+
	<b>Child Friendly City Policy</b>								
	Enhance and promote Galway as a 'Child Friendly City' which will help children understand and feel secure in their environment and will encourage them to experience and respect the natural heritage of the city.	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maintain and enhance existing play areas and provide new, accessible and safe play areas in accordance with the Council's Recreation and Amenity Needs Study and housing policy requirements and any subsequent strategies.	?	+	+	0	-	-	-	-
	Continue the improvement and development of playground facilities as outlined in the Council's Recreation and Amenity Needs Study.	?	+	+	0	-	-	-	-
	Promote the provision of facilities for older children and teenagers within the city, including skateboarding areas, teenage shelters and ball courts.	?	+	?	?	?	?	-	-
	<b>Protected Views of Special Amenity Value and Interest Policy</b>								
	Protect views and prospects of special amenity value and interest, which contribute significantly to the visual amenity and character of the city, through the control of inappropriate development.	-	-	-	-	-	?	+	+
	Require landscaping schemes as part of planning applications to have regard to such views and limit any planting which could have a detrimental impact on the value of protected views.	-	-	-	-	-	?	+	+
	<b>Agricultural Lands Policy</b>								
	Encourage sustainable agricultural activities, protect the rural character of these lands and, where appropriate, provide for sustainable recreation/amenity opportunities.	?	-	-	-	-	0	+	-
	Prevent developments which could cause environmental pollution or injury to general amenities.	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
	Ensure agricultural development complies with the measures set out in the Draft Western River Basin Management Plan.	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
	Provide for limited residential development in A zoned agricultural lands.	+	?	+	+	+	0	?	-
	Prohibit the location of structures, other than structures with essential links to the waterway, within ten metres of the River Corrib, in G zoned lands.	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+



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	Develop a number of greenways within the city including: Coastal walk extending from Galway Docks to Roscam Point. Riverside walk along the western side of the River Corrib in conjunction with NUIG to terminate at the access road beside the running track which links Galway/Moycullen road at Dangan to the River Corrib.  Riverside walk from the Dyke road to NUIG lands on the opposite side of the River Corrib using the piers of the Old Galway - Clifden Railway Line.  Riverside walk along the Eastern side of the River Corrib from the Dyke Road to the pier at Menlough. A deviation from the route indicated on the development plan map may be permitted, any alternative alignments shall maximise amenity benefits. Riverside Walk along the northern side of the Terryland River from the Dyke Road to the point where it disappears underground at Glenanail to the rear of Glenburren Park. Riverside Walk along the Railway Line from Eyre Square to Curragean. Riverside walk along western side of the River Corrib from O'Briens Bridge to Wolfe Tone Bridge.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-	-	-
	Develop and upgrade the two existing boreens at Cappagh and Ballyburke for passive recreation.	?	+	?	?	0	-	-	-
	Develop pedestrian and cycle ways at Knockacarra, Doughiska and Castlegar linking residential with existing and future services and amenities.	?	+	?	?	0	-	-	-
	Retain car parking of approximately 30 car parking spaces for amenity purposes east of Merlin Park Woods at Doughiska.	0	+	0	0	0	-	0	?
	Prepare an inventory of existing trees within the city and identify locations for new tree planting.	+	-	+	+	+	0	+	+
	Initiate the preparation of a river conservation management plan in consultation with the relevant stakeholders. The purpose of the plan will include examination of best locations for the development of water-based activities that will minimise environmental and ecological impacts.	+	-	+	+	+	0	-	+
	Investigate possible locations for the provision of municipal water-based recreation infrastructure along the River Corrib.	?	+	?	?	?	-	?	?
	Undertake a feasibility study for an iconic facility to provide facilities for land or water based-sporting activities.	?	+	?	?	0	0	0	?
	Identify active recreation facilities for the elderly with particular reference to indoor/outdoor bowling.	?	+	?	?	0	0	0	?
	Identify and provide active recreation facilities in the vicinity of Castlegar/Bothar an Coiste to serve existing and future populations.	?	+	?	?	0	0	0	?
<b>Chapter 5: Enterprise &amp; Employment</b>									
	<b>Strategy</b>								
	Support and facilitate the sustainable economic development of Galway as a gateway for the West Region.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ensure sufficient land is available within the city/environs to facilitate inward investment, local economic development and expansion of existing enterprises and ensure that these are linked to sustainable opportunities for transportation.	0	+	0	0	0	-	0	0
	Provide for a diverse range of employment needs in order to maximise employment opportunities available for all sections of the community in the city.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ensure that there are sufficient lands zoned to deliver the demand for retail floor space in an efficient, equitable and sustainable manner.	0	+	0	0	+	-	0	0
	Preserve the role of the city centre as the prime retail area and provide for the extension of the city centre in a sequential manner.	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
	Strengthen the city's position as a tourism destination by promoting and facilitating the further development of sustainable tourism infrastructure and attractions.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Enterprise Policy</b>								
	Promote and facilitate sustainable employment creation and opportunities in the city by ensuring the availability of an adequate supply of serviced land at appropriate locations for industrial development.	?	+	?	-	?	-	?	?
	Co-operate with the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Galway County Council, Higher Institutes of Education, FAS and other agencies in meeting the needs of industry, training and innovation, where appropriate.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Co-operate with Galway County Council in the servicing of strategic employment opportunities at designated business and technology parks on lands outside of the city boundary in particular with regard to strategic and sustainable transportation services.	?	+	?	?	-	+	?	?
	Allow the co-location of compatible employment opportunities adjacent to residential areas, having regard to traffic safety, residential amenity and environmental considerations.	-	+	-	-	-	-	0	?
	Allow employment opportunities of a scale appropriate to serve the community within District, Neighbourhood and Local Centres.	?	+	?	-	-	-	0	?
	Promote the continued development of enterprise opportunities at Ragoon/Knocknacarra.	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?

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	Continue to support and facilitate the development of start-up enterprise units for local indigenous enterprises throughout the city.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Support and promote the development of the arts, culture and film industry recognising the particular value of these activities in the city.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Improve access, in particular sustainable modes of transport, to major areas of employment.	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	Promote and support the sustainable development of different office types at designated locations having regard to the prime role of the city centre.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Allow the development of childcare facilities near/within developments, which provide employment opportunities throughout the city.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Promote further sustainable development of the Harbour Enterprise Park and related harbour activities subject to acceptability from the appropriate authorities.	-	+	?	-	?	?	?	-
	Support the sustainable development of Galway Harbour including for new and expanded harbour facilities, subject to environmental, visual, economic viability and transportation considerations.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maintain an adequate supply of land for industry of light and mixed industrial purposes in order to ensure a diverse range of employment opportunities in the city and to allow for start-up indigenous enterprises of this nature.	0	+	0	0	0	-	0	0
	Acknowledge and support the health and education institutions in the city and facilitate appropriate related developments and expansions.	0	+	0	0	0	-	0	0
	Facilitate and encourage sustainable tourism development, which is based on and reflects the city's distinctive history, culture and environment.	-	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Support the aims of the Galway City and County Tourism Committee's Developing Sustainable Tourism in Galway - A Framework for Action 2003-2012, and GCDB Strategy Gaillimh Beo agus Bríomhar, where appropriate.	-	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Facilitate innovative work practices such as 'live-work' units where they do not negatively impact on residential amenity.	0	+	0	0	-	0	0	0
	<b>Retail Policy</b>								
	Take into consideration the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities and the retail strategy for the city in conjunction with other policies in the plan when assessing applications for retail proposals.	-	+	-	0	-	-	-	-
	Promote and protect the city centre as the prime retail area in the city and the western region.	-	+	-	0	-	-	-	-
	Adopt the retail hierarchy for the city as identified in the strategy and allow for retail development that is of a scale and nature with prescribed functions and roles.	-	+	-	0	-	-	-	-
	Allow for expansion of the city centre in accordance with the sequential test approach, in particular onto the Ceannt Station area, Harbour area and onto the Headford Road where appropriate.	?	+	-	?	-	-	?	?
	Protect existing district, neighbourhood centres and local centres.	?	+	?	?	?	-	?	?
	Encourage the provision of local shopping facilities in accordance with the neighbourhood concept and in compliance with policies for residential areas.	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	Assess new major development in accordance with prescribed criteria and in the context of the retail strategy for the city.	-	+	-	0	-	-	+	0
	Have regard to the guidance in the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities for specific retail formats.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ensure that the range of retail goods and services on Retail/ Bulky goods sites are restricted to sales of a bulky nature.	0	+	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Carry out a joint retail strategy review in conjunction with Galway County Council within the period of the Plan and make variations to the City Development Plan if necessary as a result of such study.	+	+	-	0	-	+	-	-
<b>Chapter 6: Community &amp; Culture</b>									
	<b>Strategy</b>								
	Support the GCDB strategy Gaillimh Beo agus Bríomhar 2002 – 2012 and Priority Actions 2009-2012, and any subsequent strategy, in particular the economic, social and cultural goals, and where appropriate ensure that these are reflected in the land use policies of the development plan.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Integrate the sustainable development of the city with the social, economic and cultural considerations of the GCDBs Strategy.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Create a self-sustaining and integrated city community.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Encourage a socially inclusive society and support the actions of the Social Inclusion Unit in promoting social inclusion in the city and the work of the RAPID programme.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Promote an inclusive and accessible environment, in line with the Council's commitment to the Barcelona Declaration.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Facilitate and co-ordinate with the relevant service providers the provision of sustainable community, cultural and social infrastructure.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Promote and protect the city's unique arts, cultural and linguistic heritage.	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	<b>Social Inclusion Policy</b>								
	Proactively promote all forms of social inclusion where feasible in land use planning, particularly in the built environment and public realm, housing, community facilities, employment opportunities, public transport and accessibility.	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	Support and promote the various aims of the Council to give effect to the Barcelona Declaration.	0	+	0	0	0	+	?	?
	Support the development, provision and improvement of essential facilities and amenities within communities in the city.	?	+	?	?	?	?	+	?
	Support the objectives of the action plan/work programme of the Social Inclusion Unit and RAPID.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Continue to encourage active public participation in the planning process.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Promote the concept of 'life-time adaptability' and access for all in housing design.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilitate the implementation of the Housing Strategy, in particular with regard to reducing undue segregation and the provision of special needs accommodation.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Co-operate with the Access for All Committee and other organisations representing people with disabilities to provide equal access for all citizens particularly in the area of housing, transport, built environment and the public realm within the city.	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?
	<b>Community and Cultural Facilities Policy</b>								
	Facilitate balanced and equitable provision of community services and cultural facilities throughout the city, through policies, zoning objectives and specific designations.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Impose development levies under the development contribution scheme, where appropriate, to assist in the provision of community facilities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Encourage and facilitate the provision of a range of community services, including local health services, services for the elderly, places of worship and cultural facilities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Promote the development of health facilities in the city having regard to Galway's designation as a national centre of excellence.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Ensure that proposed cultural and community developments are designed and laid out to accommodate maximum opportunities for different transport modes.	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	0
	Encourage design flexibility in buildings of community and cultural use, so that the buildings can be adapted in ways which allow for a diversity of different uses and accessibility for all, including people with disabilities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	?	0
	Co-ordinate with other service providers in the provision of community and cultural facilities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Encourage and facilitate the provision of community and cultural facilities and local services of a nature and scale appropriate to serve the needs of the local community in tandem with the development of residential areas.	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+
	Explore innovative ways to deliver community and cultural facilities and examine best practice models of subsequent management.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Support the development of primary health care facilities within appropriate locations in residential areas.	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	<b>Educational Facilities Policy</b>								
	Ensure that sufficient lands are designated and reserved for the establishment, improvement or expansion of education facilities within the city, adhering to the recommendations outlined in The Provision of Schools and the Planning System, A Code of Practise for Planning Authorities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Support the future improvement and sustainable expansion of NUIG and GMIT, recognising their contribution to the continued development of Galway as a gateway.	?	+	?	?	?	0	?	?
	Safeguard lands within residential areas for educational purposes in order to serve existing and future need.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ensure that the design of all educational establishments incorporate facilities for sustainable transport measures and public transport.	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	Ensure that safe and easy access for people with disabilities is incorporated in the design of all education developments.	0	+	0	0	0	0	?	0
	Support the further development and diversification of third level education institutions in the city, including the promotion of knowledge-based industry-linked research and development facilities.	?	+	?	?	?	0	?	?

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	<b>Childcare Facilities Policy</b>								
	Facilitate the development of childcare facilities, including aftercare services, at a number of suitable locations, such as, within residential areas, places of employment, city centre, neighbourhood and district centres, in the vicinity of educational and community establishments and adjacent to public transport nodes.	0	+	0	0	0	-	0	0
	Contribute to the provision of childcare facilities by requiring that such facilities be provided in conjunction with residential developments over 75 dwelling units.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Consider alternative arrangements where it can be clearly established that adequate childcare facilities exist.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Burial Grounds Policy</b>								
	To maintain existing burial grounds and provide for new cemeteries and associated services such as a crematorium to serve the city.	?	+	?	?	?	-	0	?
	<b>Institutional Lands Policy</b>								
	Facilitate and promote the development of institutional land within the city.	?	+	?	?	?	0	-	-
	Where it is demonstrated that certain institutional lands are surplus to requirements, the Council will consider residential use or uses compatible with that of adjoining zones or specifically require that the lands be retained for alternative institutional uses.	?	+	?	?	?	0	-	-
	Retain the existing open character of institutional lands where residential development is permitted and reserve a minimum 20% of the total site area for communal open space.	-	+	-	0	?	0	-	-
	Promote the retention of public access to these lands where this has been traditionally enjoyed or where there is a significant amenity associated with lands.	0	+	0	0	0	0	-	0
	<b>Arts and Cultural Heritage Policy</b>								
	Facilitate and encourage the provision of new and improved arts and culture facilities in the city including in district or neighbourhood centres where appropriate.	?	+	?	?	?	0	+	?
	Support and facilitate the aims of the imminent Draft Galway City Council Arts Strategy 2010-2013 and the actions of the annual City Council Arts Programme.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Ensure that all construction projects undertaken by the Council which are supported by government funding be considered for the 'Per cent for Art' Scheme.	0	+	0	0	0	-	+	0
	Require large-scale developments throughout the city to incorporate works of public art.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Require arts and culture infrastructure to be integrated into large scale re/development on key sites in the city centre area, which include lands at Headford Road, Ceannt Station and the Inner Harbour area.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Support the development of a municipal arts gallery, concert hall, science museum and school of performing arts in the city.	?	+	?	?	?	0	+	?
	Support the establishment of a school of music within the city, in conjunction with all interested bodies.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Develop and facilitate the development of cultural facilities in Lower Merchants Road.	?	+	?	?	?	0	+	?
	Facilitate the re-opening of Taibhearca na Gaillimhe at its current location on Middle Street.	0	+	0	0	-	0	+	-
	Facilitate the refurbishment and re-opening of Comerford House.	0	+	0	0	-	0	+	-
	Support the provision of a site/building for a writer's centre.	?	+	?	?	?	0	+	?
	<b>Gaeltacht Policy</b>								
	Protect and promote the distinctive Gaeltacht cultural and linguistic heritage of the city.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	-
	Encourage the use of Irish/ bi-lingual signage in the commercial and public realm.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Promote the use of the Irish language in the naming of all new residential developments, public roads and parks.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Facilitate the development of infrastructure which supports the promotion of the cultural and linguistic heritage of the city, where appropriate.	?	+	?	?	?	-	+	?
	<b>Specific Objectives</b>								
	Facilitate the development of community and educational facilities at Castlegar, Doughiska, Knocknacarra and Ballinfolle.	?	+	?	?	?	-	+	?
	Establish and develop new cemetery sites to serve the city, which will accommodate associated services such as a crematorium and approach cemetery design with an emphasis on landscaping and natural amenities.	?	+	?	?	?	-	0	?
	Reserve lands at Knocknacarra, Ballinfolle and Doughiska for the purposes of neighbourhood centre uses which will accommodate a mix of uses primarily of a public/community nature. In the event that these lands become unnecessary, these lands can be used for uses compatible with the residential land use zoning.	?	+	?	?	?	-	+	?

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	Identify and provide a site/building for the establishment of a school of music within the city, in conjunction with the VEC and all interested bodies.	?	+	?	?	?	0	+	?
<b>Chapter 7: Built Heritage/Urban Design</b>									
	<b>Strategy</b>								
	Enhance the existing character and distinctiveness of the city and maintain its strong sense of place.	-	+	-	0	0	0	+	+
	Protect and enhance the built and archaeological heritage of the city.	-	-	-	0	0	0	+	+
	Promote high quality urban design principles in the design of regeneration areas and in new development areas.	-	+	0	0	-	0	+	+
	Promote high quality urban design in all new developments.	-	+	0	0	-	0	+	+
	Encourage the development of sustainable neighbourhoods with a distinct urban character and identity.	-	+	0	0	-	-	+	+
	<b>Built Heritage Policy</b>								
	Encourage the protection and enhancement of structures listed in the Record of Protected Structures.	0	-	-	0	-	0	+	+
	Ensure new development enhances the character or setting of a protected structure.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Identify protected structures that are endangered by neglect or otherwise, and take appropriate action.	0	-	-	0	-	0	+	+
	Consider the inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures buildings of special interest.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Consult with the Heritage and Planning Division of DEHLG regarding any planning applications relating to protected structures and national monuments.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Implement proactive measures to encourage the conservation of protected structures.	0	-	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Prepare and implement management plans for the conservation and enhancement of the city's Architectural Conservation Areas.	-	-	0	0	-	0	+	+
	Encourage where appropriate the rehabilitation, renovation and reuse of existing older buildings that contribute to the character of the city.	0	-	0	0	-	0	+	+
	<b>Archaeology Policy</b>								
	Protect the archaeological heritage of the city.	0	-	?	0	0	?	+	+
	Ensure that proposed development within the designated city centre Zone of Archaeological Potential is not detrimental to the character of an archaeological site or its setting.	0	-	?	0	0	?	+	+
	Have regard to the archaeological recommendations of the DEHLG on any planning applications.	0	-	0	0	0	?	+	+
	Endorse the sustainable use of archaeological heritage as an educational and cultural resource and promote public awareness of the archaeological heritage of the city.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Require the surveying, recording or excavation of archaeological heritage during the development process, where appropriate.	0	+	?	0	0	0	+	+
	Secure preservation <i>in situ</i> of the historic medieval city walls.	0	+	?	0	0	0	+	+
	Seek the preservation <i>in situ</i> or, at a minimum, preservation by record of archaeological sites/monuments included in the Record of Monuments and Places.	0	+	?	0	0	0	+	+
	Ensure all developments including those with the potential to impact on riverine, inter-tidal and sub-tidal environments require an archaeological assessment prior to works being carried out.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Promote the protection of the varied industrial heritage of the city and encourage greater appreciation and public awareness of this heritage.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	<b>Urban Design Policy</b>								
	Encourage high quality urban design in all developments.	-	+	0	0	-	0	+	+
	Improve qualitative design standards through the application of design guidelines and standards of the Development Plan.	-	+	0	0	-	0	+	+
	Ensure that high quality urban design contributes to the creation of urban regeneration in the city.	-	+	+	0	-	-	+	+
	Encourage innovation in architecture.	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+
	Prepare Local Area Plans for Ardaun, Murrough and the Headford Road area which provide an urban design framework to contribute to the development of sustainable and vibrant living environments.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-
	Encourage the use of design statements and masterplans/framework plans for large scale development where appropriate.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Enhance residential areas such as Claddagh, Shantalla, Bohermore and Mervue through the implementation of environmental improvement schemes.	-	+	0	0	-	-	+	+



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	Ensure the use of SUDS, sustainable urban drainage systems, wherever practical, in the design of development to reduce the rate and quantity of surface water run-off.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Ensure new development, where appropriate, is designed and constructed to meet the flood design standards outlined in Section 11.26 Flood Risk.	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+
	Have regard to the findings and recommendations of the imminent Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study of the West Coast, when available and incorporate into the Development Plan, where appropriate.	?	+	+	+	+	0	?	?
	Continue to protect the coastal area and the foreshore and avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of coastal erosion and/or would cause and escalate coastal erosion in adjoining areas.	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+
	Protect and maintain, where feasible, undeveloped riparian zones and natural floodplains along the River Corrib and its tributaries.	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
	<b>Control of Major Accident Hazards Directive (Seveso II Directive) Policy</b> Consult with the Health and Safety Authority (also known as the National Authority for Occupational and Health Standards) when changing any policies/objectives and assessing any proposed relevant developments in or in the vicinity of sites identified under the Control of Major Accident Hazards Directive (Seveso II Directive), in order to prevent major accidents involving dangerous substances and to limit their consequences to the environment and community.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ensure that major developments comply with the requirements of the Galway City Major Emergency Plan.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Air Quality and Noise Policy</b> Maintain air quality to a satisfactory standard by regulating and monitoring atmospheric emissions in accordance with EU policy directives on air quality by promoting and supporting initiatives to reduce air pollution and by increasing the use of public transport and developing urban woodlands, encouraging tree planting and conserving green open space.	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+
	Ensure that the design of development incorporates measures to minimise noise levels in their design and reduce the emission and intrusion of any noise or vibration which might give reasonable cause for annoyance, where appropriate.	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	Consider the land use planning mitigation and protection measures and the strategic noise mapping of the city in the Galway City Council Noise Action Plan 2008-2013 in the assessment of relevant development applications, where appropriate.	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	Implement noise reduction measures as outlined in Galway City Council Noise Action Plan 2008 – 2013, with priority to those areas designated as worst affected, namely along the N6 (including Ros Caoin).	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	<b>Light Pollution Policy</b> Ensure the design of external lighting minimises the incidence of light pollution, glare and spillage into surrounding environment and has due regard to the visual and residential amenities of surrounding areas.	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+
	<b>Waste Management Policy</b> Secure the provision of waste management facilities and infrastructure with appropriate provision for minimisation, recovery and recycling of waste and to regulate waste operations in a manner which reflects the "polluter pays" and "proximity" principles with particular emphasis on large waste producers, in accordance with the objectives of the Connacht Waste Management Replacement Plan 2006-2011, except in relation to incineration.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Support the objectives and targets of the Connacht Waste Management Replacement Plan 2006-2011 relating to Galway City and any subsequent Regional Waste Management Plans thereafter, except in relation to incineration.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Ensure the sustainable siting of waste facilities in relation to existing and potential surrounding land-uses, transportation and environmental considerations.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Encourage the development of a C & D waste recycling facility and other measures in the city for the sorting and grinding of C & D waste for reuse, subject to appropriate environmental and planning considerations.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Ensure that planning proposals for new medium and large-scale developments, such as housing estates, retail and industrial developments include C & D waste management plans.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Ensure that adequate recycling facilities are provided within the city, including where those are required in association with the layouts of new residential, industrial and commercial developments where appropriate and comply with the requirements of the Environment Section of the Council.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	Consider redundant quarry sites as suitable locations for the undertaking of C & D waste recovery, subject to appropriate environmental and planning considerations.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?

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	Promote the implementation of the City Council Litter Management Plan and other litter management initiatives in order to minimise and control the extent of litter pollution in the city.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Ensure that planning proposals on contaminated lands include appropriate remediation measures.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	Continue to promote waste prevention and minimisation.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	During the lifetime of this Plan, the City Council will provide, where feasible and subject to resources, a resource recovery park within the city boundary.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	<b>Drainage Policy</b>								
	To provide, in a sustainable manner, a drainage collection/treatment system capable of meeting the needs of domestic, commercial and industrial users in the city. This shall include the long term operation, maintenance and upgrading of the Mutton Island Wastewater Treatment Works, and investigations and implementation of optimum long term drainage solutions and the progression of the Galway East Wastewater Treatment Works.	?	+	+	+	0	+	?	?
	Implement the requirements of the E.U. Water Framework Directive with regard to a sustainable approach to water services management by fully internalising the costs of water usage and wastewater generation in respect of the non-domestic sector.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	Preserve and improve the effectiveness and performance of wastewater drainage infrastructure within the city.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	<b>SUDS Policy</b>								
	Ensure the use of SUDS, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and sustainable surface water drainage management, wherever practical in the design of development to enable surface water run-off to be managed as near its source as possible and achieve wider benefits such as sustainable development, water quality, biodiversity and local amenity.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	<b>Water Supply and Water Quality Policy</b>								
	To provide, in a sustainable manner, a water supply system capable of meeting the needs of domestic, commercial and industrial users in the city.	?	+	0	+	0	+	?	?
	Achieve and maintain high standards for drinking water and water quality in the city, in compliance with E.U. Directives.	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0
	Prepare a strategic long-term report on the water requirements of the city and its environs over the next twenty years and implement the measures arising in order to provide a sustainable long-term solution to address future water supply needs.	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0
	Have regard to the actions of the Draft Western River Basin District Management Plan in order to promote and achieve a restoration of good status, reduce chemical pollution and prevent deterioration of surface, coastal and ground water quality, where appropriate.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	Implement the monitoring and management actions of the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 in securing and retaining good quality bathing water quality.	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0
	Maintain and extend the Blue Flag Beach Status in regard to water quality, infrastructure and amenity provision with regard to the beaches in the city.	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+
	Minimise and control discharges to inland surface water bodies, groundwater and coastal waters to prevent water pollution.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	Continue to implement the requirements of the E.U. Water Framework Directive with regard to a sustainable approach to water services management by fully internalising the costs of water usage and wastewater generation in respect of the non-domestic sector.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	Encourage all significant water users to use best practices in water conservation and continue to promote water conservation measures in all new development in the city.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
	Ensure any development within the aquatic environment shall be carried out in consultation with prescribed bodies and with adherence to their guidelines.	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+
	<b>Telecommunication Policy</b>								
	Support the development and expansion of telecommunication infrastructure (including the broadband network) within the city where appropriate, subject to environmental and visual considerations.	?	?	?	0	0	+	?	?
	Ensure that development for mobile phone installations take cognisance of the DEHLG Planning Guidelines for Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, 1996, so that any potential environmental impacts associated with installations are minimised.	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+
	Encourage the siting of new mobile phone installations to follow the hierarchy of suitable locations proposed in the DEHLG Guidelines. When a number of other possibilities have been exhausted, masts may be erected within or in the immediate vicinity of residential areas.	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0

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	Ensure that developers of masts facilitate the co-location of antennae with other operators in order to avoid an unnecessary proliferation of masts. Where this is not possible operators will be encouraged to co-locate so that masts and antennae may be clustered.	+	?	+	0	0	+	+	+
	<b>Energy and Associated Infrastructure Policy</b> Support the infrastructural renewal and development of electricity and gas networks in the city, underground where at all possible, including the overhead HV lines necessary to provide the required networks.	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	?
	Support the implementation of Grid 25 – A Strategy for the Development of Ireland's Electricity Grid for a Sustainable and Competitive Future (Eirgrid 2009) to deliver a sustainable electricity system and ensure transition to a low-carbon economy.	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	Ensure that the infrastructural renewal and development of electricity networks and natural gas works avoid negative impacts on Natura 2000 sites and adhere to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	<b>Specific Objectives</b> <b>Drainage Infrastructure</b> Implement and complete on a phased basis the Galway Main Drainage Stage 3 for Galway City and environs in conjunction with Galway County Council.	?	+	+	+	+	+	?	?
	<b>Water Infrastructure and Quality</b> Prepare a strategic report on the long-term water requirements of the city and its environs over the next twenty years and commence its implementation on a phased basis, including for improvements in water supply and water infrastructure within the city and surrounding areas.	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0
	<b>Waste Management</b> Facilitate the objectives of the Connacht Waste Management Replacement Plan 2006-2011 relative to Galway City.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
	<b>Village Envelopes</b> Investigate and respond to required improvements in the drainage and water infrastructure in the village envelopes as part of the review of the infrastructural investment programme.	?	+	?	+	0	+	?	?
	<b>Flood Risk Management</b> Prepare a detailed site-specific FRA for any potential flood risk areas, taking into consideration findings of the CFRAM Study when completed.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Chapter 9: City Centres/Area Based</b>									
	<b>Strategy</b> Protect and enhance areas in the city with specific functions or characteristics through area-based policies and specific guidelines and standards	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Ensure the integrated, sustainable development of Ardaun and Murroogh by the implementation of Local Areas Plans.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Ensure the integrated and sustainable development of regeneration areas at Ceannt Station, Inner Harbour and Headford Road (south of the Bodkin Roundabout).	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	<b>City Centre Policy</b> Maintain and enhance the role of the city centre as the dominant commercial area of the city.	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+
	Encourage the expansion of the city centre into lands at Ceannt Station and the Inner Harbour.	?	+	+	0	+	+	+	?
	Control the proliferation of uses which could lead to the deterioration of retailing on the principal shopping streets.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Control the negative impact caused by dominance, due to proliferation or scale, of particular uses.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	Encourage a living city by requiring a residential content in new developments.	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0
	Maintain and enhance the environmental quality of the city centre with the overall aim of ensuring an attractive user-friendly environment.	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+
	Ensure new developments complement the character of the city centre by the use of specific design elements.	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
	Facilitate the redevelopment of the Inner Harbour for mixed development.	-	+	?	-	?	?	?	-
	Improve the public realm and residential amenities of Woodquay, Bowling Green and Raven Terrace by the implementation of improvement schemes.	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+
	Progress the implementation of a civic improvement scheme for the Small Crane.	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+

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	<b>Salthill Policy</b>								
	Enhance Salthill's role as a leisure, recreation and coastal amenity area for the city and service centre for the surrounding residential neighbourhoods.	?	+	?	?	-	-	-	+
	Continue to improve the recreational quality of the area by the implementation of environmental and coastal improvement schemes and the preparation of a strategy for the long-term development and enhancement of the promenade.	?	+	?	?	-	-	-	+
	Ensure high quality in the design of new developments which has regard to its context.	-	+	?	0	-	-	-	+
	Enhance the public realm of Salthill including the implementation of an environmental improvement scheme in the vicinity of Seapoint and Salthill Promenade.	?	+	?	?	-	-	-	+
	<b>Village Envelopes Policy</b>								
	Strengthen the character of specified villages through encouraging appropriate development.	-	+	-	0	-	-	-	-
	Protect and enhance the character and amenity of Menlough and prepare a plan for the area, together with flood protection measures.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Ardaun Policy</b>								
	Develop the overall area of Ardaun, in conjunction with Galway County Council in a strategic and co-ordinated manner, that will contribute to the integration of landuse, urban form and structure, transportation and natural heritage to create a sustainable living environment.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-
	Advance the development of Ardaun through the preparation of a Local Area Plan Phase 1 which consists of designated lands within the city boundary taking the strategic needs of the overall city and county area into consideration.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-
	Support the development of Ardaun Phase 2 which consists of the balance of lands within the county area, ensuring co-ordination of key elements such as landuse, infrastructure and sustainable transportation and the timely co-ordination of development phasing.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-
	<b>Murroogh Policy</b>								
	To develop the Murroogh area in accordance with a Local Area Plan which will reserve a substantial bank of land for recreational purposes, allow for public access and allow for mixed use development which will create a sustainable neighbourhood and maximise the development of recreation facilities.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-
	<b>Specific Objectives</b>								
	<b>City Centre</b>								
	Require the preparation of a masterplan/ framework plan for the Ceannt Station Site	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Require the preparation of a masterplan/ framework plan for the Inner Harbour.	-	+	0	0	-	-	+	+
	Prepare environmental improvement schemes for Woodquay, Bowling Green and Raven Terrace areas.	-	+	0	0	-	-	+	+
	Progress the implementation of the Small Crane Square civic improvement scheme in conjunction with the environmental improvement scheme for 'The West' area.	-	+	0	0	-	-	+	+
	<b>Headford Road</b>								
	Prepare a Local Area Plan for the Headford Road area (south of the Bodkin roundabout).								
	<b>Salthill</b>								
	Prepare a strategy for the long-term development and enhancement of Salthill Promenade.	?	+	?	?	?	0	-	-
	Continue to develop and enhance the coastal walkway from South Park to Silverstrand including the coastal walk extending from Silverstrand to Sailin in conjunction with approved coastal protection works.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	0	-	+
	Carry out an environmental improvement scheme in the vicinity of Seapoint.	?	+	?	?	-	-	-	+
	Upgrade public facilities including provision of outdoor/indoor showers, changing facilities and baby changing facilities.	?	+	?	?	0	0	?	?
	<b>Village Envelopes</b>								
	Prepare a plan for the Menlough area. This will include guidance on new design and conservation and will explore the amenity potential of the area.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ensure the preservation of Menlough Castle as a ruin, to best conservation practice.	?	+	?	?	0	0	-	-
	Explore the potential for the development of a park on lands adjacent to Menlough Castle.	?	+	?	?	0	0	-	-
	<b>Ardaun</b>								
	Prepare a Local Area Plan for Ardaun Phase 1.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-
	<b>Murroogh</b>								
	Prepare a Local Area Plan for Murroogh.	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	?	+/-	+/-

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<b>Chapter 10: Housing Strategy</b>									
	<b>Land Requirements for the Provision of Social &amp; Affordable Housing Policy</b> Require, as provided for under Section 95 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, that 20 % of land zoned for residential use or for a mixture of residential and other uses shall be reserved for the provision of social / affordable housing.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Ratio of Social and Affordable Required Policy</b> Apply a ratio of 4:1 for the provision of social (4) and affordable (1) housing. In this regard, the development of shared ownership units are considered as social housing where they are being provided for applicants on the local authority housing waiting list or existing local authority tenants.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Allocate the 20% provision in such a way as to encourage home ownership in the designated I.A.P. areas. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Integrated Area Plans for Westside, Ballinboile, and Ballybane, where the Council aims to increase the proportion of the housing stock that is in owner occupation in these areas and encourage greater social balance.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Where developments solely provide for the accommodation of special needs groups, there may be no requirement for the provision of land/other for social and affordable housing.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Consultation with Developers Policy</b> Ensure the development of social and affordable housing units is carried out in consultation with the applicant/developer.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Where applicable and possible, the Council will retain the services of the contractor working on a subject site to develop units of social and affordable housing on their behalf, subject to price and quality.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>House Types and Sizes Policy</b> Ensure that an appropriate mixture of house types and sizes are provided in residential development to cater for different sectors of the housing market, in particular discourage an excessive amount of small one-bedroom units in housing schemes.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Special Needs Accommodation Policy</b> Ensure the provision of accommodation for the elderly. These units will be a mix of single, two-bedroom and, where appropriate, three-bedroom units cater for a variety of elderly households and provide space for the accommodation of a carer where necessary In the location of such facilities the Council is aware of the importance of social mix and accommodation of the elderly in communities and areas with which they are familiar. The provision of elderly housing in close proximity to shops, churches, public transport and community facilities will be encouraged.								
	Liaise, encourage and facilitate the voluntary and co-operative housing sector in the provision of dwelling units for the elderly.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Alternative Accommodation for Small Sized Households Policy</b> Ensure that the Council's housing stock is not under-utilised. In this regard the Council will encourage and facilitate Council tenants where feasible to relinquish their tenancy in larger units in return for more appropriate accommodation.	-	+	-	0	-	-	-	-
	<b>Accommodation for Persons with Special Needs Policy</b> Require the reservation of units for the disabled in consultation with the voluntary sector, where there exists a clear need for such accommodation.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Homeless/Crisis Accommodation Policy</b> Continue to work with the voluntary and public sector in the provision of emergency and crisis accommodation for the homeless at suitable locations throughout the city. In this regard, the Council will have regard to the deliberations and actions of the Homeless Forum and the provisions of the Homeless Strategy.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Travelling Community Policy</b> Implement and monitor the operation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 and subsequent plans. The Council will meet its obligations regarding the provision of adequate and suitable accommodation for the Travelling Community through consultation with Travellers, the general public, and the local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee. The Council will continue to meet its targets for the completion of Traveller specific accommodation as outlined in the programme and subsequent plans.	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?



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