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Draft Strategy Statement 2026-2031

Public Consultation



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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) is an independent regulator, set up in April 2019 to oversee the planning system and drive continuous improvement in how planning is delivered in Ireland.
- 1.2 [The OPR's Strategy Statement 2019-2024](#) was published in October 2019, in accordance with Section 31T of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The Strategy Statement sets out the OPR's high-level goals, actions and milestones in delivering on our statutory mandate.
- 1.3 This OPR Strategy Statement was extended to 2025 pending the commencement of Part 18 of the Planning and Development Act, 2024. This Strategy Statement has been prepared pursuant to section 31T of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), while pending the commencement of section 550 of the Planning and Development Act 2024.
- 1.4 The OPR is now publishing its [draft Strategy Statement](#) for the period 2026 to 2031 for public consultation. The OPR strongly encourages all interested parties to read and provide feedback on this draft Strategy Statement.

2 Next Steps

- 2.1 This public consultation will shape key elements of our 2026-2031 Strategy Statement. The OPR seeks the views of existing and new stakeholders on the strategic goals and objectives which will shape the 2026-2031 Strategy Statement, and any other relevant issues the OPR should consider.
- 2.2 The OPR welcomes responses from stakeholders by 5pm on Wednesday 6 May 2026.
- 2.3 Responses must be submitted in written form (post or email or [online survey](#)) clearly marked "Submissions on OPR Statement of Strategy":

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- 2.4 Having analysed and considered the comments received, the OPR will review the draft Strategy Statement, and update where appropriate.
- 2.5 When it has concluded its review of all submissions received and other relevant material, a thematic paper providing an overview of the range of views submitted may be published and a final Strategy Statement for 2026-2031 as appropriate. Please see our privacy notice for further information.