

GALWAY CHAMBER N6 GCRR ORAL HEARING PRESENTATION

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**Galway
Chamber**
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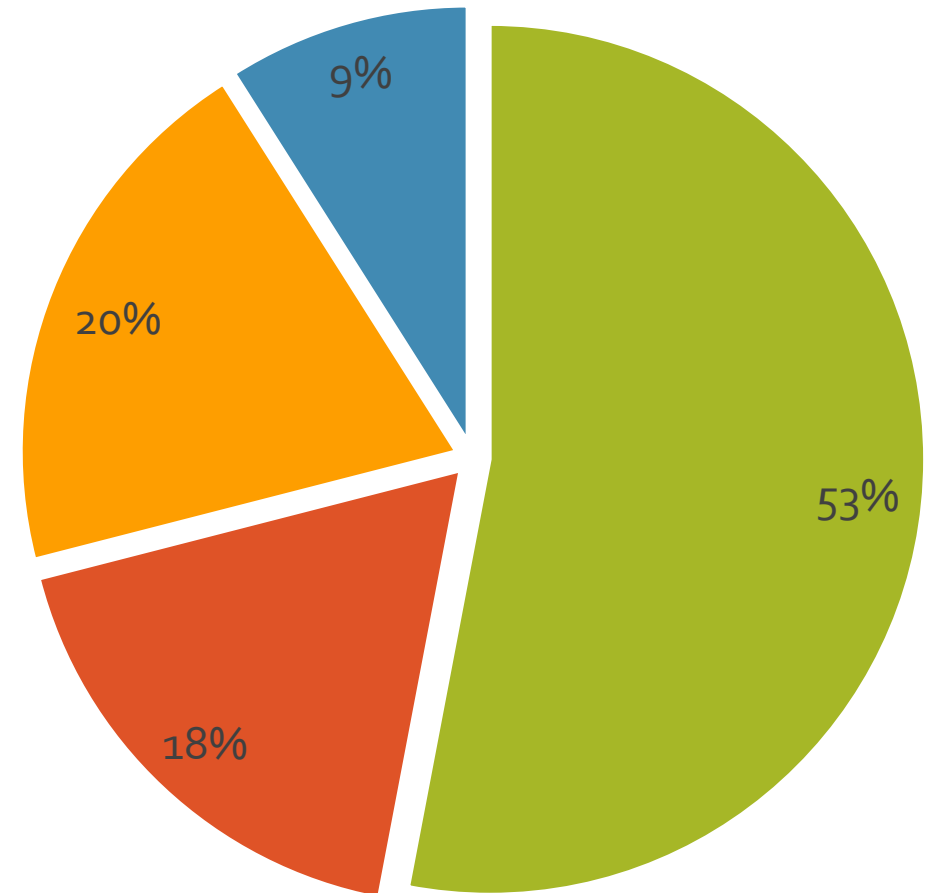
OVERVIEW

- About Galway Chamber
- Feedback from our Members
- 'Get Galway Moving'
- Vision for Galway City and Supporting Transport Network
- Implications of not Proceeding with the GCRR
- Summary

Galway Chamber of Commerce

- Representing 420 businesses and 25,000 employees.
- Galway Chamber actively engages in Policy discussion; influencing decisions and lobbying on behalf of its members.
- Our work for the interests of businesses, and for the economic development of the City and Region all stems from our mission statement to:

“Make Galway the leading location for business, investment and people”.



■ Professional Services ■ Hospitality/Retail
■ Manufacturing/Tech ■ Miscellaneous

Strategic Pillars 2020



Galway Chamber
Ag cothú gnó le chéile

Backing Galway Business

Ongoing provision of business support programmes that aid businesses to adapt and thrive in **#OurGalway**.



Get Galway Moving

Drive the stakeholder agenda to significantly improve the sustainability and efficiency of the transport network in **#OurGalway**.

Living: Galway-Style!

Fostering an affordable, sustainable, friendly, diverse and entertaining residential environment in **#OurGalway**.



Evolving Galway

Building sustainability in **#OurGalway** through transportation, energy, and innovative projects.

Growing with/in Galway

Encourage businesses and their employees to extend working in Galway to participating in the future of **#OurGalway**.



Strategic Pillars 2020

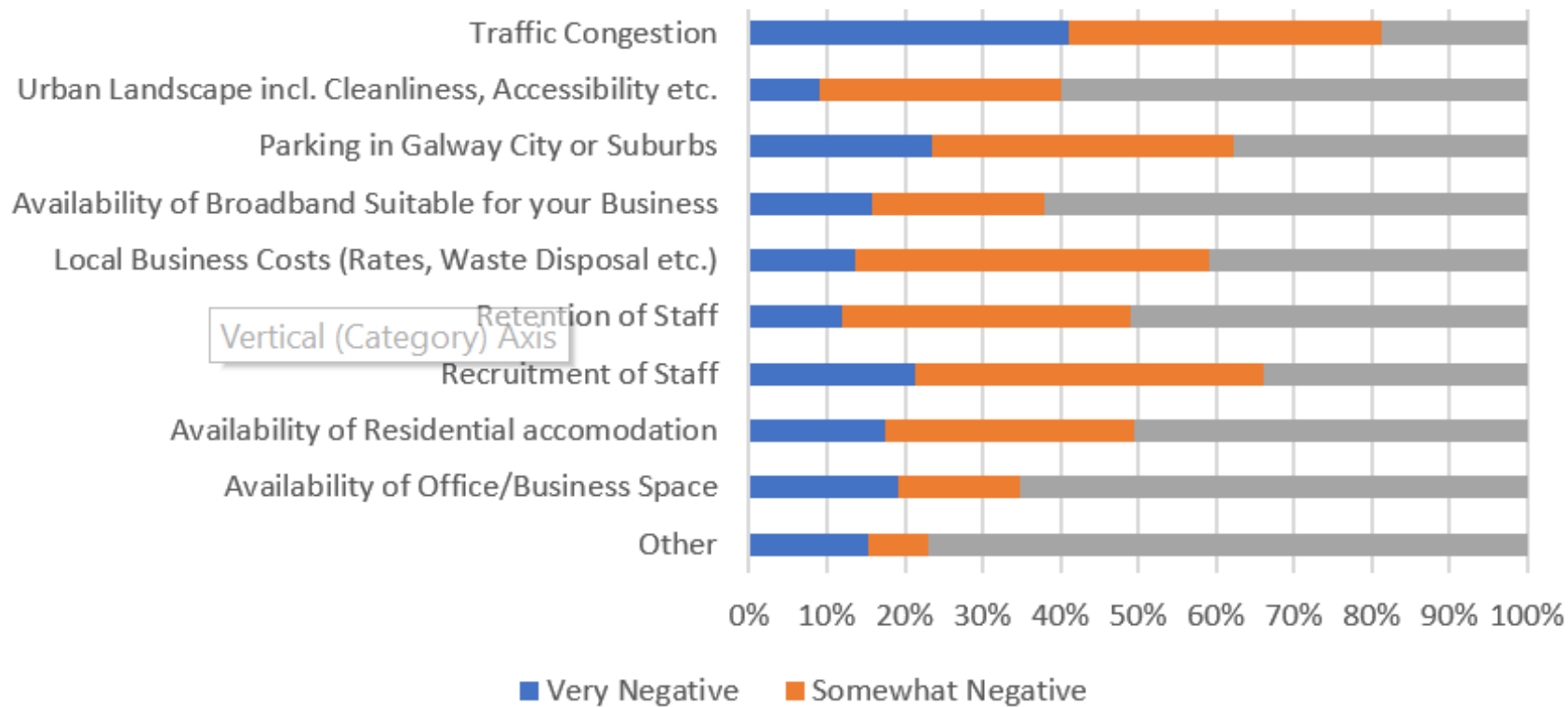
- Five key areas of focus for the Chamber of Commerce
- Problems with our transport network, congestion, lack of connectivity and high transportation costs for businesses operating in and out of Galway warranted the establishment of a Transport Committee within the Chamber.
- Get Galway Moving continues to be a critical campaign for the Chamber.

FEEDBACK FROM OUR MEMBERS



Membership Surveys

Delivery of the N6 Ring Road is consistently recognised by our members as critical to Galway Business.



**ISSUES WHICH
HAVE A
SOMEWHAT
NEGATIVE OR
VERY
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IMPACT ON
BUSINESS**



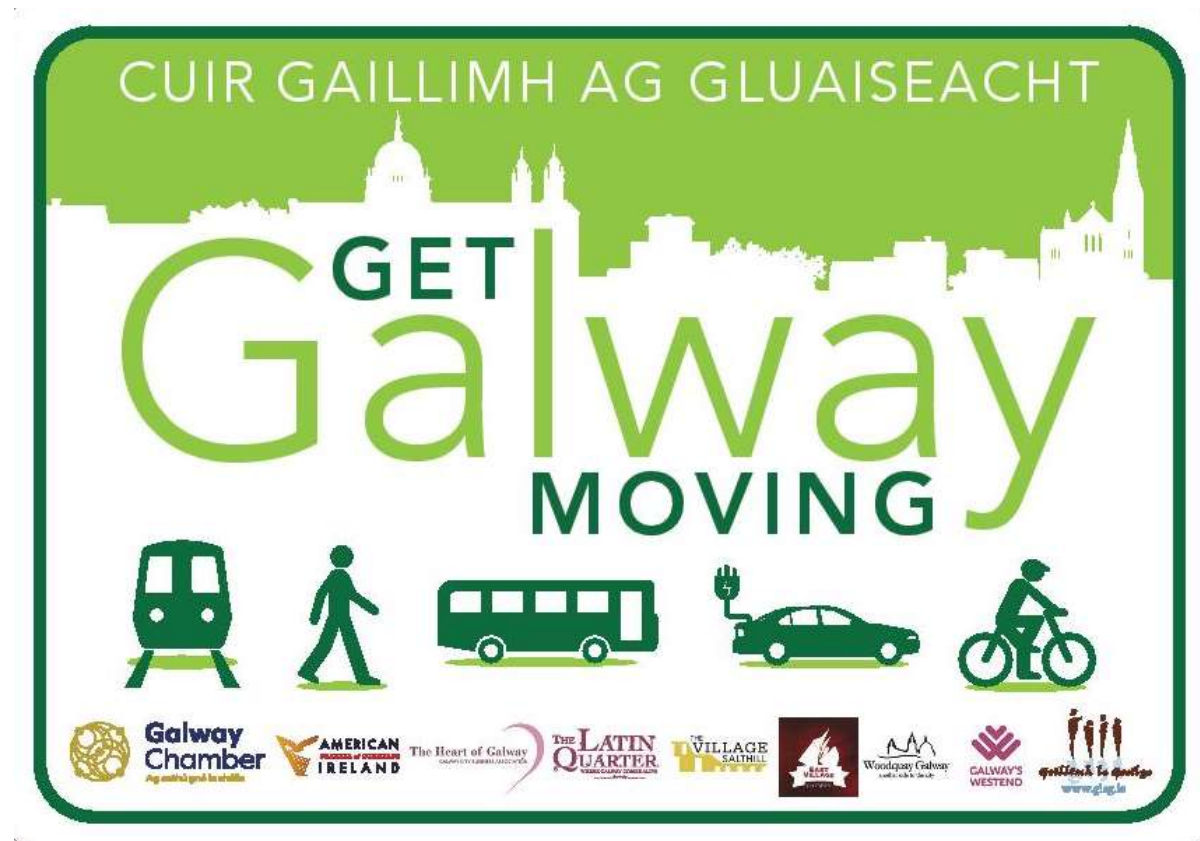
Comments Related to this Survey

“Overall I’m very disappointed with the poor progress being achieved in the infrastructure in Galway.”

“Traffic management. There is no measurement of journey times across the city and therefore no focus on its reduction.”

“The most important thing to address in Galway is acceleration of infrastructure plans, outer city ring road, bus corridors and proper cycle lanes.”

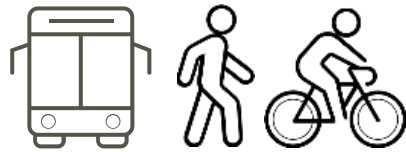
“It is CRITICAL that Galway prioritises investment in the Outer Ring Road (in the next year).”



GET
GALWAY
MOVING

Get Galway Moving – Strategic Priorities

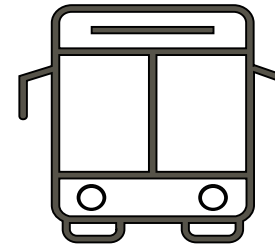
Get Galway Moving aims to influence the stakeholder agenda to significantly improve the sustainability and efficiency of the transport network in Galway



Encouraging movement
alternatives



Reducing the
need to travel



Increase Public
Transport Mode Share



Support the
progress of the
Ring Road

Play Video Here

Get Galway Moving – Key Activities



- Launched at Leinster House on 25th September 2019.
- The campaign has included:
 - Engagement with key stakeholders; and
 - Raising awareness within the community through local media interviews and a roll-out of a series of videos highlighting the key issues on social media.
- Won 'Most Successful Policy Campaign' at this year's Chambers Ireland annual Chamber Awards.

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VISION FOR GALWAY CITY

Vision for Growth of Galway City

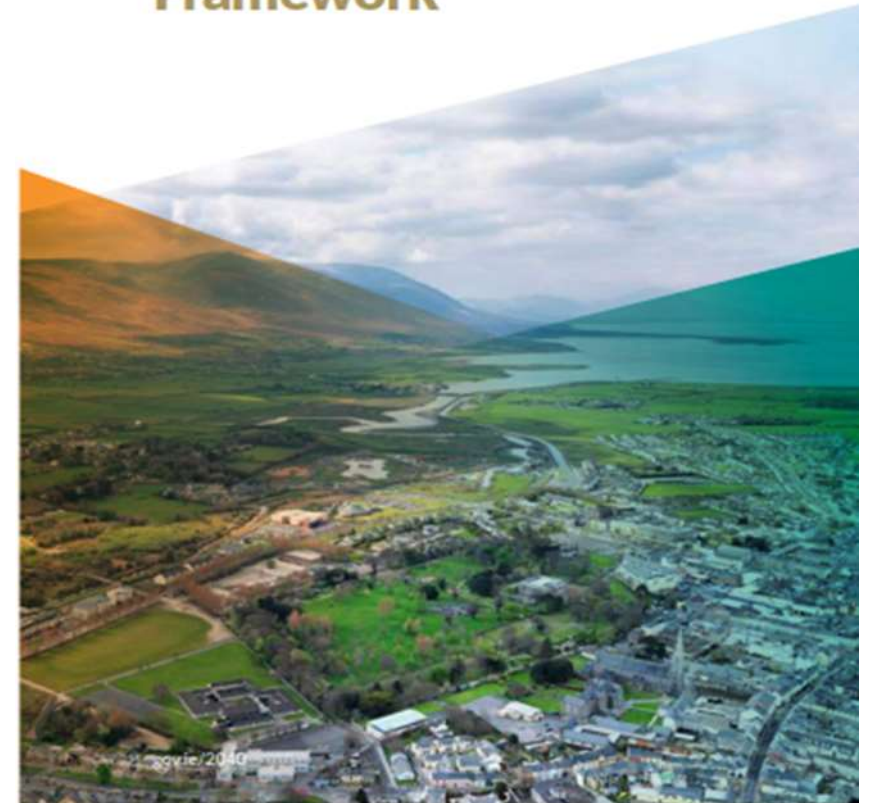
- The NPF proposes ambitious growth targets for Ireland's existing urban areas to create stronger cities of scale - compact and sustainable growth is encouraged.
- It is envisaged that the population of Galway City and suburbs will grow by 50/60% (40,000/45,000) by 2040.
- Accommodating this growth will require a significant improvement in the city's infrastructure – housing, healthcare, commercial development and transport.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Project Ireland 2040

**National Planning
Framework**



Galway City: Key Developments/Opportunities



- There are proposals to increase commercial floorspace in the city.
- This development will contribute significantly towards sustainable growth objectives of the city.
- However, this scale of development will not be feasible without significant improvement in our transport network.

Other key devts:

- Crown site
- Sandy Road

Nun's Island

Galway Harbour

Bonham Dock

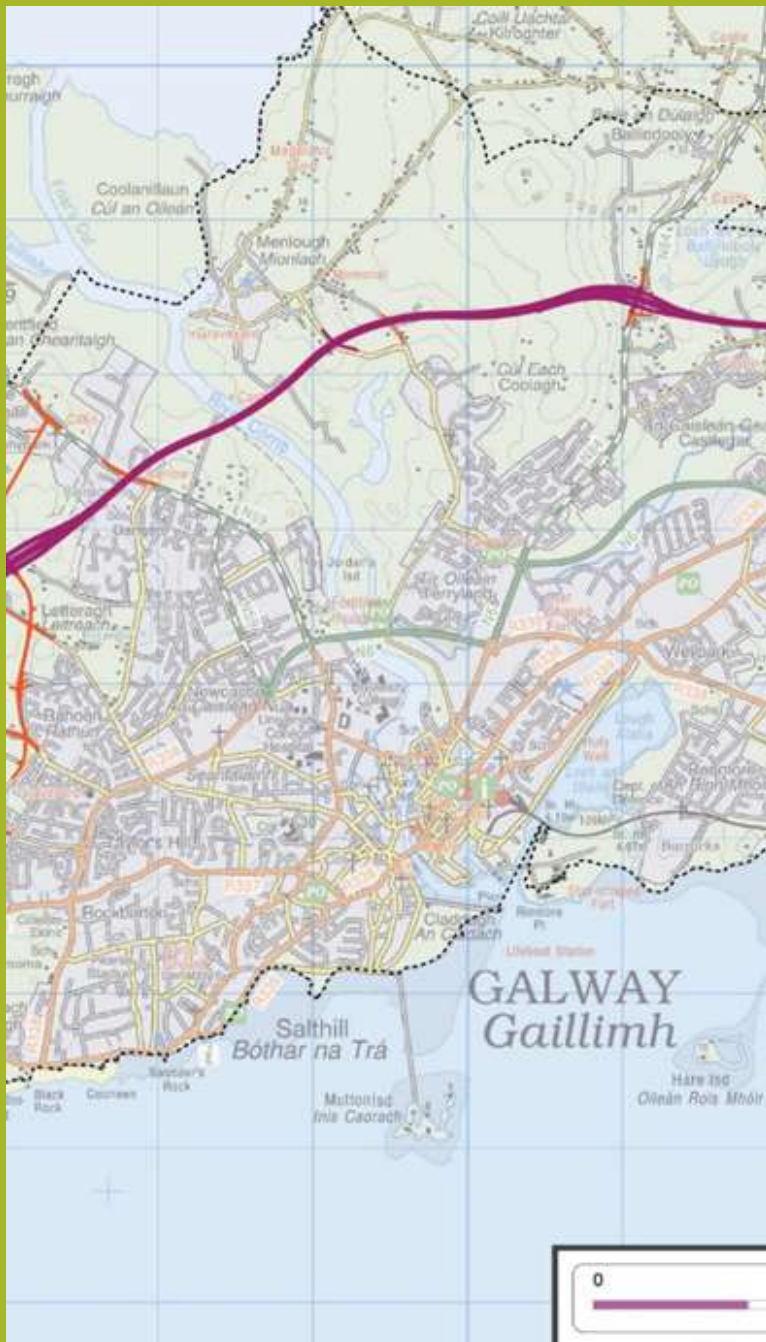
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Eyre Square East

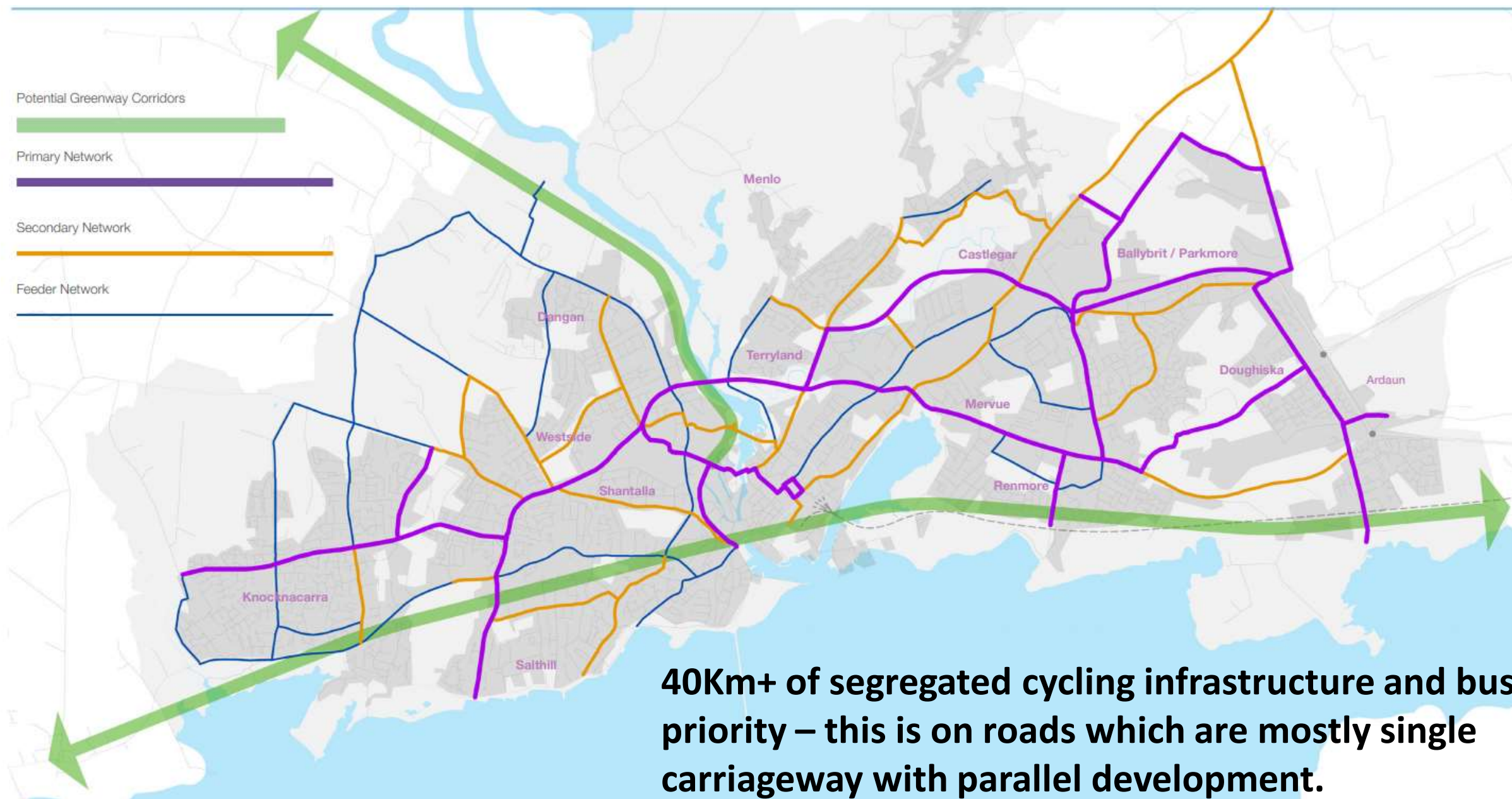
Headford Road

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SUPPORTING TRANSPORT NETWORK

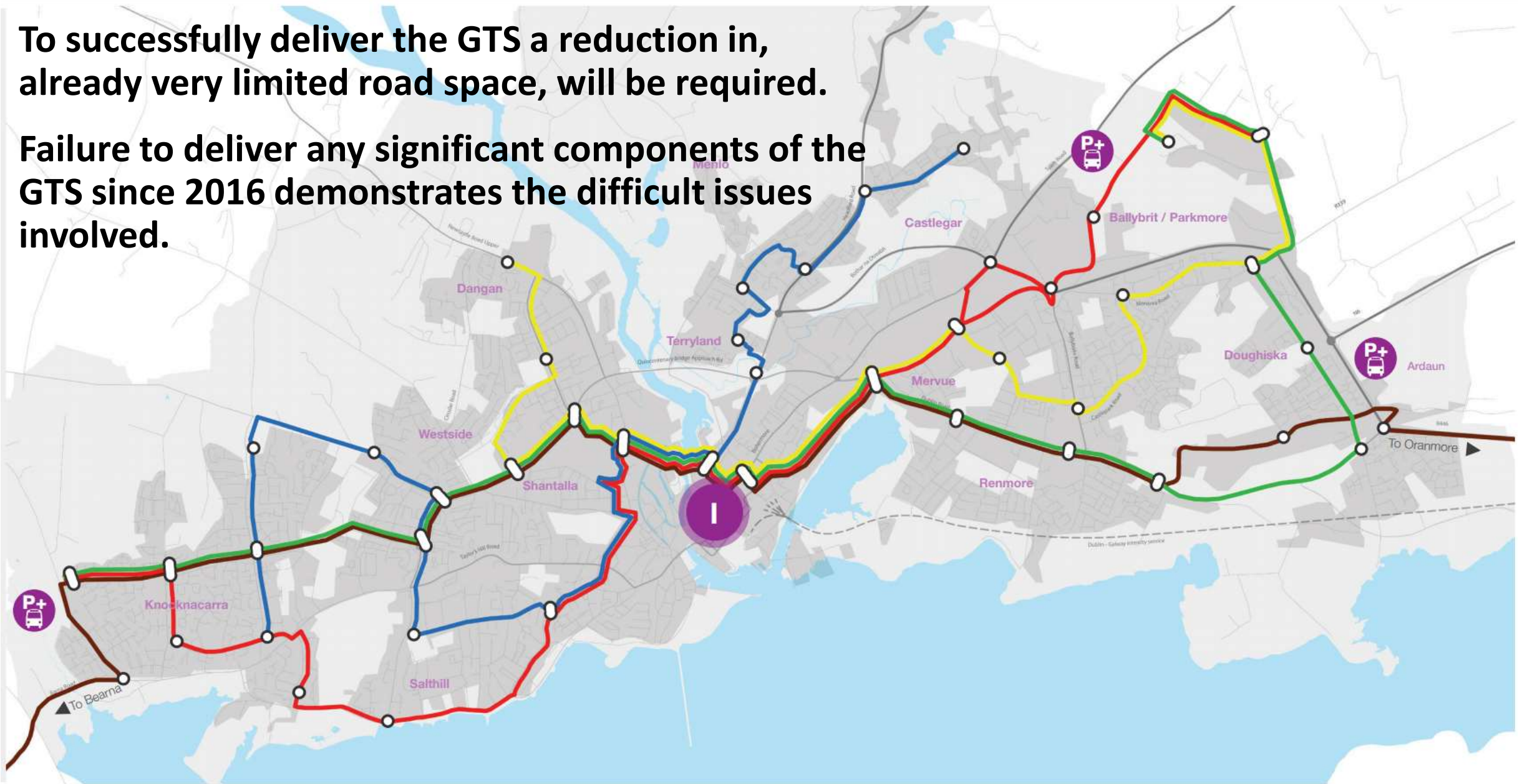


**As recognised in the NPF,
delivery of the Galway
Transport Strategy –
including the Galway City
Ring Road – is critical to
realising the future
potential of our city, our
county and the region!**



To successfully deliver the GTS a reduction in, already very limited road space, will be required.

Failure to deliver any significant components of the GTS since 2016 demonstrates the difficult issues involved.



OUR CITY SIMPLY CANNOT
GROW TO THE LEVELS
ANTICIPATED IN NATIONAL AND
LOCAL POLICY WITHOUT
ADDITIONAL ROAD NETWORK
CAPACITY, WITHOUT AN
ADDITIONAL BRIDGE CROSSING
OR WITHOUT A REASONABLE
ALTERNATIVE TO THE CAR





IMPLICATIONS OF NOT PROCEEDING WITH THE GCRR



**FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT OF
OUR CITY REQUIRES
ADDITIONAL ROAD
NETWORK CAPACITY
AS WELL AS
SIGNIFICANT
IMPROVEMENT IN
SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Implications of not proceeding with the GCRR

- Galway Chamber of Commerce – including our 420 member organisations – do not believe this is an option for our city.
- If additional road network capacity is not provided, the cost of congestion will continue to increase from a minimum of €28.3 million per annum, at present.
- Additional costs our businesses and community will continue to suffer include:
 - Impact on public health and well-being
 - Higher transport costs for business and community
 - Lost productivity
 - Environmental costs
 - Reputational damage





Sustainable Transport Mode Share

2016 – 36%

2040 – >60%



Car Mode Share

2016 – 60%

2040 – <36%

Summary & Conclusion

Galway Chamber of Commerce supports delivery of the Galway City Ring Road.

We are confident that the scheme will:

- Enable implementation of the Galway Transport Strategy, which has a transformative vision of transport and sustainable mobility in Galway
- That the scheme will sustain and facilitate the economic growth of Galway city and region
- That it will strengthen all business sectors, who are impeded by poor connectivity across the region
- It will benefit all other employment sectors, through decreasing transportation costs and enabling access to the businesses within the city
- We also believe it will deliver additional benefits not currently accounted for in the Cost Benefit Analysis that was undertaken to support this project
- That it will enhance the liveability of the city, through its urban regeneration capacity with the potential of improving the quality of space in the city, and
- Finally, we are confident the scheme will enable regional development of County Galway and provide more balanced development opportunities like those that have been delivered on the east coast of Ireland for years.



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THANK YOU