

# The role of the Cork Gateway in achieving Balanced Regional Development –



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# The N.S.S. Vision for the Cork Gateway

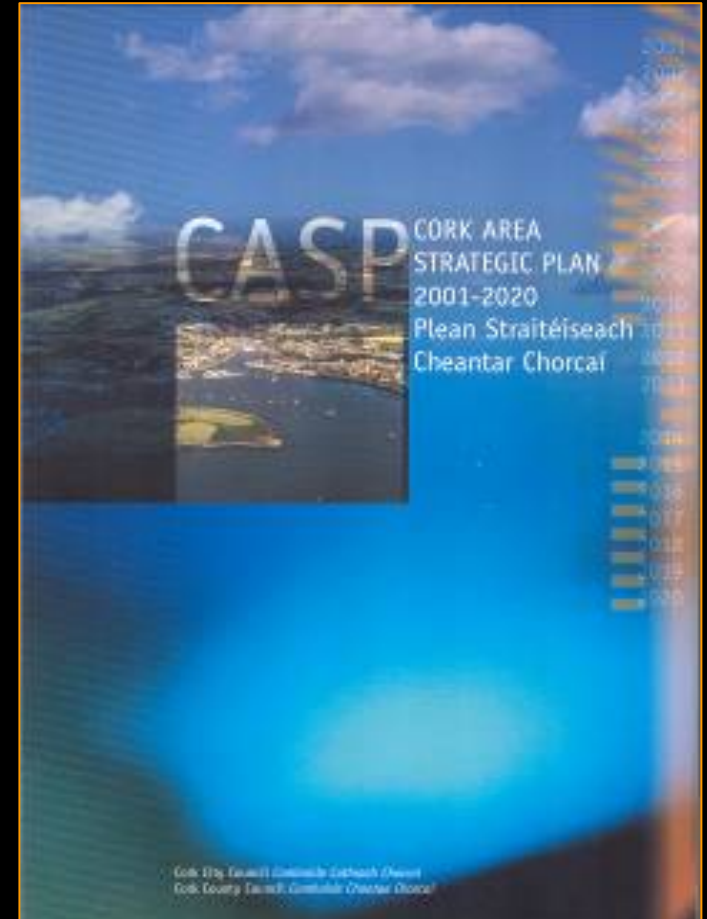
- According to the National Spatial Strategy, *'of the regional cities, Cork has the most potential to be developed to the national level scale required to complement Dublin'*.
- Key challenge is to significantly accelerate its rate of development and population growth- emphasis on central area

## Other Plans

- The National Development Plan (2007-2013)
- Atlantic Gateways Initiative
- Draft Southern and Eastern Regional Operational Programme 2007-2013
- South West Regional Planning Guidelines, 2004
- City and County Development Plans
- North and South Docks Local Area Plans

# Cork Area Strategic Plan: Vision for the Cork Gateway

- The Cork Area Strategic Plan, 2001 (C.A.S.P.) provides the mechanism that will promote Cork as a major national strategic growth centre over the next 20 years. C.A.S.P. Update completed in 2008.
- The N.S.S. identified the implementation and funding of the recommendations of C.A.S.P. as a cornerstone of the successful development of the Cork Region.
- The planning and development function of the area is carried out by Cork City and County Councils operating within the co-ordinated framework of the C.A.S.P. Office and Committees.

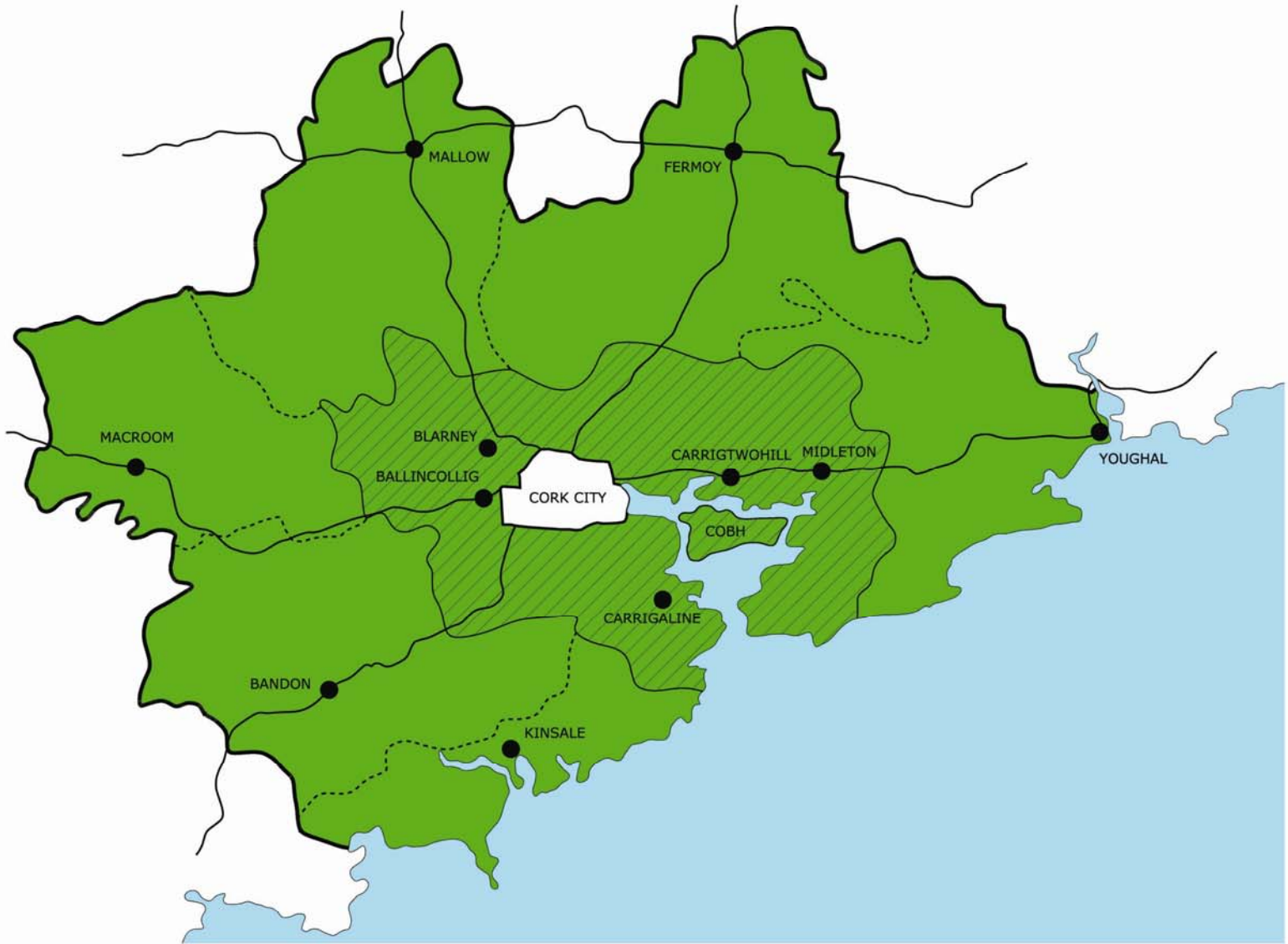




### Key Plan

-  Cork Area Strategic Plan Area
-  North & West Cork Strategic Study Area
-  Metropolitan Cork

----- Ring Town Hinterlands



# Cork Area Strategic Plan

- Framework to enable Cork City Region to attain critical mass
- Integrate land use and transport
- Make efficient use of investment in infrastructure
- Provide a high quality environment
- Improve the competitiveness and attractiveness of the region

# Cork Gateway & CASP growth



- The Cork Gateway equates to the area defined by C.A.S.P. as ‘Metropolitan Cork’
- By 2020, population about 500,000, an increase of 110,000
- 216,000 jobs, an increase of 45,000
- 200,000 households, an increase of 70,000



**LEGEND**

- Key Development Areas
- Future Development Areas
- RAPID Areas
- District Centres
- Proposed District Centre
- Commuter Rail
- Green Routes (QBC)

# Key Strengths of Cork Gateway

- **The largest city in the State outside of Dublin;**
- **A diversified and strong economic base**
- **Strong third level education facilities;**
- **A tradition of good strategic land use and transportation planning;**
- **A modern airport, significant port facilities and improved rail services;**
- **An outstanding natural setting with tourism potential;**
- **A good quality of life.**

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# Key Weaknesses of Cork Gateway

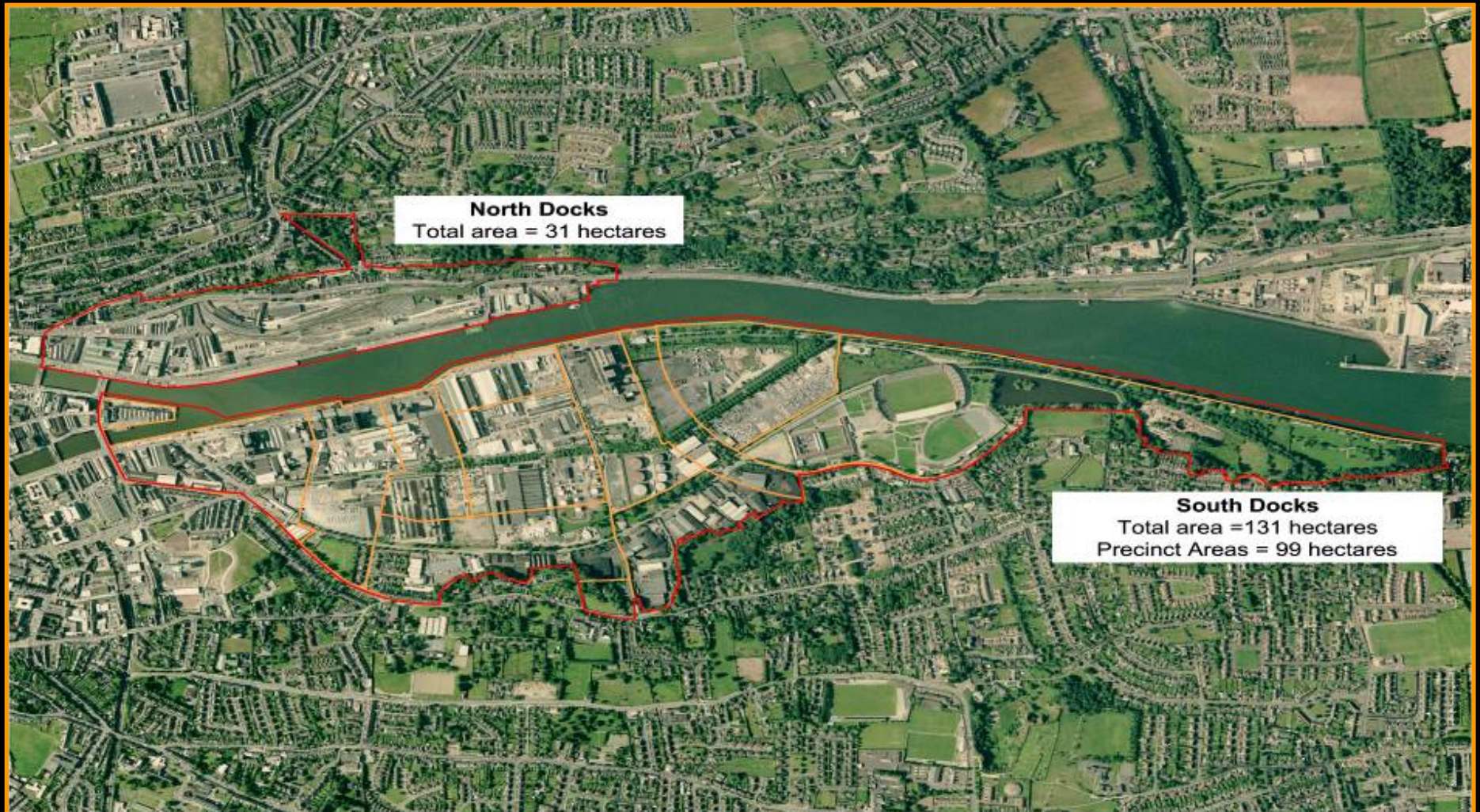
- **Loss of population/economic development from City;**
- **Lack of development to date in Docklands**
- **The need for improved access and connectivity within and between the City and County as well as internationally;**
- **The need for the adequate servicing of strategic zoned industrial and residential lands to ensure the growth of the critical mass of the Gateway;**



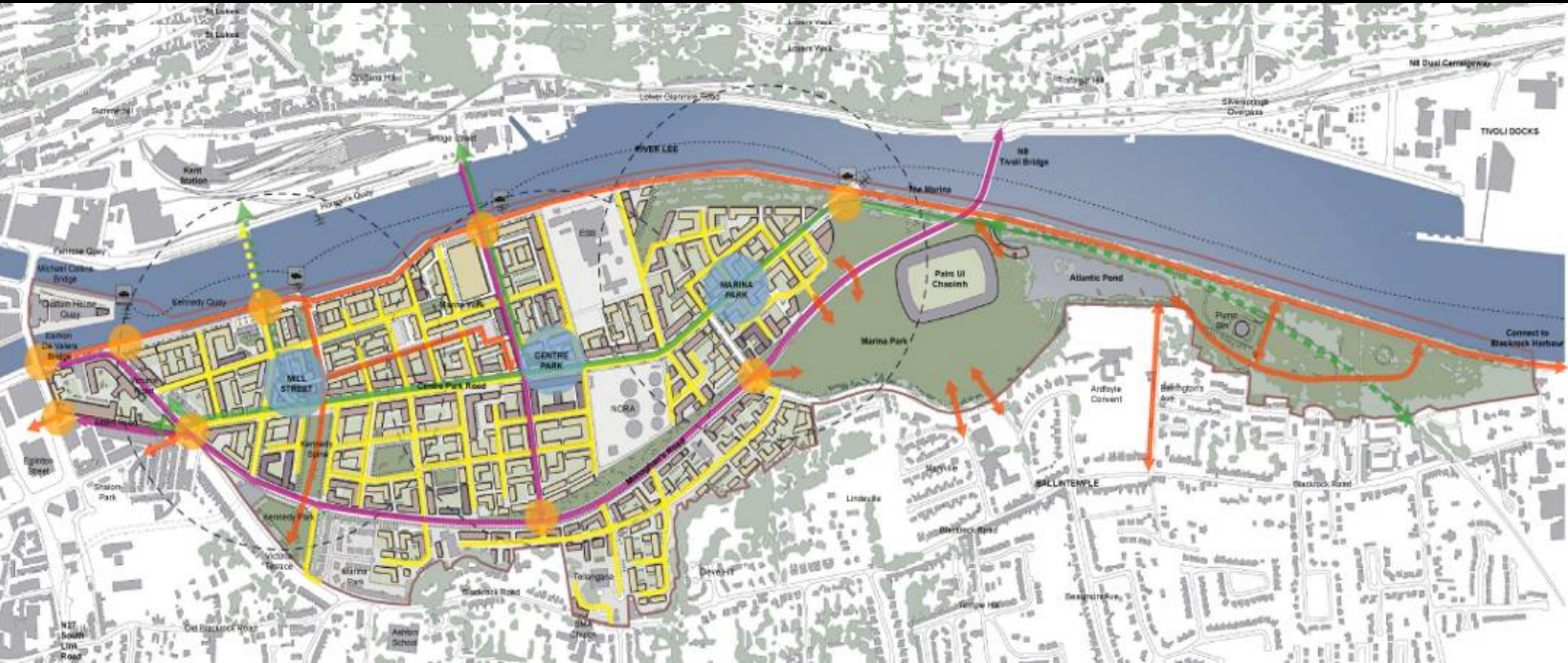
# Priority actions

- Development of new Urban Quarters in Docklands and Monard;
- Upgrading of national road infrastructure;
- Implementation of Port of Cork Strategic Plan including relocation of certain city quays activities;
- Securing FDI for the Cork Region and funding linked R&D opportunities including enhancing the capacity of third level institutions to carry out and support R&D;
- Upgrading of Intercity and commuter rail services and telecommunications infrastructure.

# Cork Docklands



# South Docks Local Area Plan, 2008



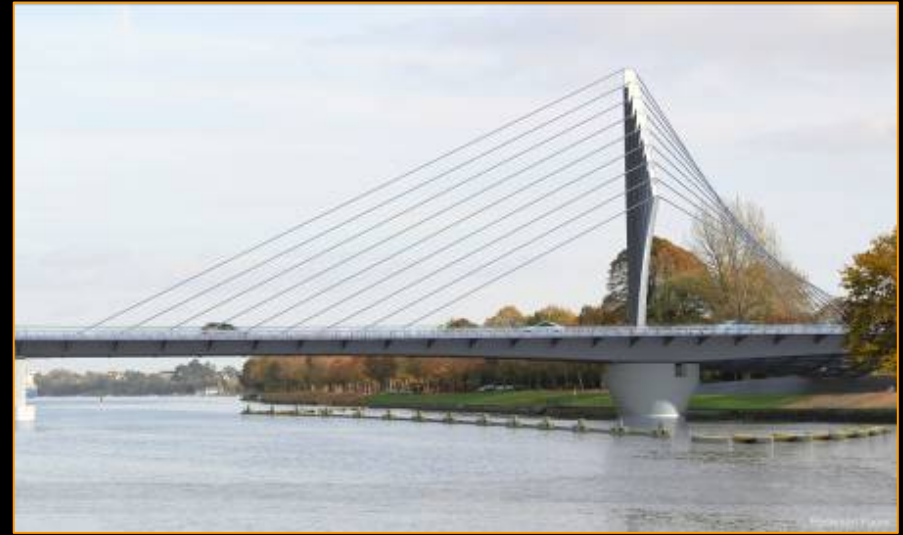
# Cork Gateway Innovation Fund Proposal

- **Eastern Gateway Bridge, Docklands;**
- **East Cork Development Package including:**
  - Midleton Northern Relief Road – Phase 2
  - Watermain Extension to Whitegate;
- **Port of Cork Relocation.**

# Eastern Gateway Bridge - Docklands

At present, access to the South Docks area is severely constrained, in particular from the east.

The Eastern Gateway Bridge is a key element of access infrastructure to the Docklands area and its provision is vital to progress the development of the eastern portion of the South Docks area.



Land uses accommodated within this area include a Neighbourhood Centre, a post primary school, a primary school, the Events Centre (for which funding has been secured via a public/private partnership agreement) as well as residential and commercial uses.

# Port of Cork Relocation

The Project involves the construction of a new bulk terminal at the ADM/Deepwater Berth Terminal at Ringaskiddy located within the Lower Harbour area. The purpose of the project is to provide equivalent Port of Cork berthage facilities in Ringaskiddy to those currently available at the City Quays. The relocation of the Port's facilities will allow for the opening up of port related industrial land for the purposes of Docklands regeneration.



# Cork G.I.F.: Key Outcomes

- Delivery of national, regional and local policy objectives;
- Leverage of accelerated and co-ordinated Gateway development by the creation of the enabling environment in which development can occur;
- Increased critical mass of the Cork Gateway;
- Promotion of Atlantic Gateways Corridor through development of Cork – Waterford links via Midleton;
- Leverage of private sector investment which would not otherwise occur;
- Enhanced quality of life and promotion of environmental sustainability;
- Innovation and collaboration.

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