

# Environmental Noise Regulations – Round 4

## South East Area Committee Meeting

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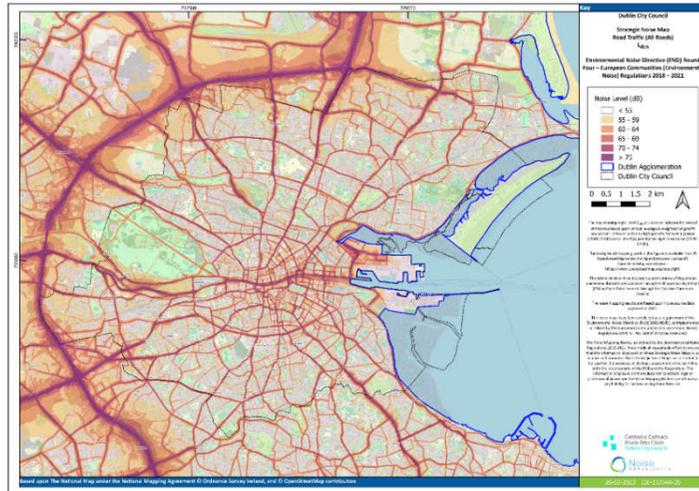
# Legislative Background

## European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 - 2021 (S.I. 549/2018 & 663/2021)

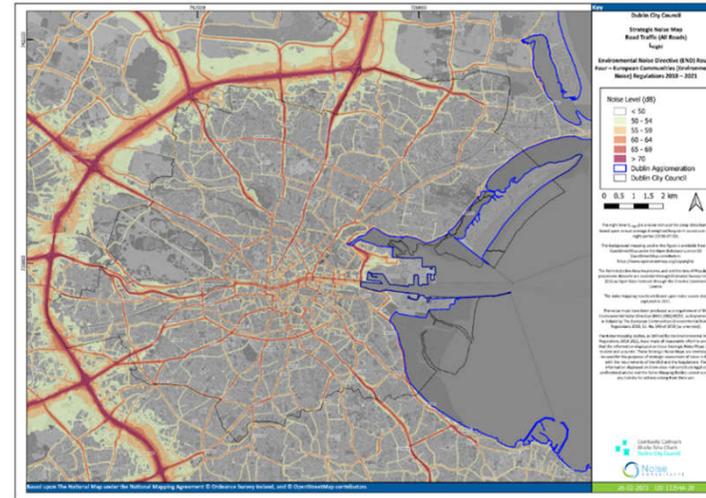
- The Regulations give effect to the Environmental Noise Directive (END) 2002/49/EC
- Apply to environmental noise, created by human activities, which people are exposed to; in built-up areas, in public parks/quiet areas, near schools & hospitals and other noise-sensitive buildings /areas.
- The Regulations/END requires two indicators to be applied;
  - $L_{den}$  - annual average day, evening and night noise level and is a measure of 'annoyance' (Reporting threshold 55dB)
  - $L_{night}$  - annual average night-time noise level and is designed to assess sleep disturbance (Reporting threshold 50dB).
- Regulations require Noise Mapping Bodies (NMBs) to prepare **Strategic Noise Maps** every 5 years for;
  - Agglomerations (>100,000 persons) (road, rail, airports & industry)
  - Major roads (>3,000,000 vehicle passages per year)
  - Major rail (>30,000 train passages per year)
  - Major airport (>50,000 movements per year)
- The Regulations require Action Planning Authorities (APAs) to make **Noise Action Plans** every 5 years for each of the areas covered by the Strategic Noise Maps.
- Member States must report on the numbers of people who are exposed to noise levels above the reporting thresholds for a range of noise sources.
- Noise Mapping Bodies must calculate the harmful effects associated with noise (Ireland only)



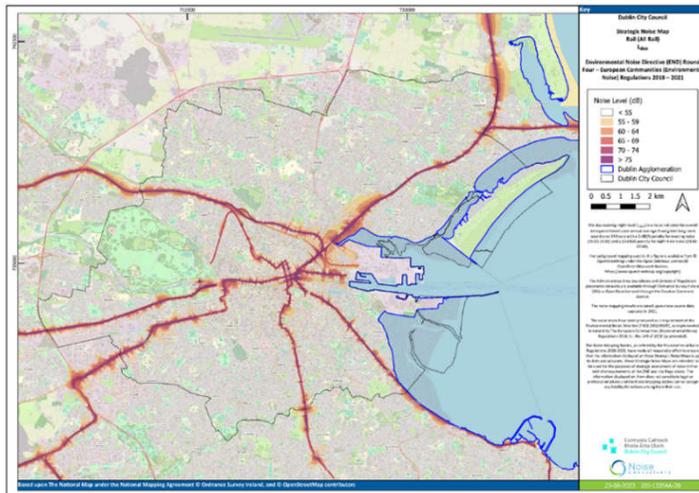
# Strategic Noise Maps



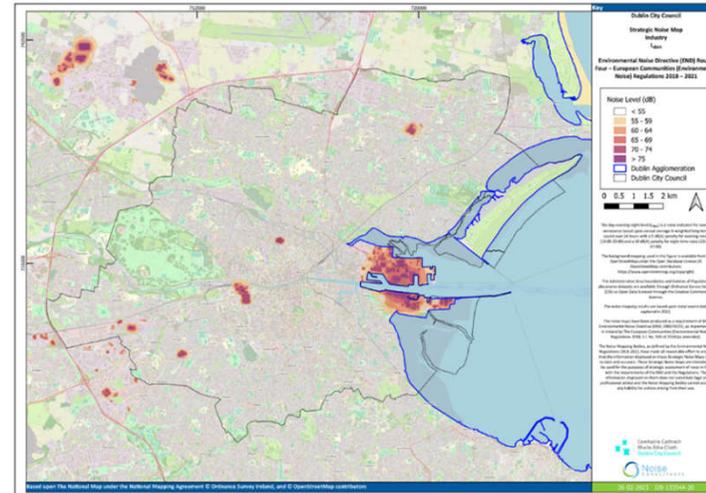
Roads  
- Lden



Roads  
- Lnight



Rail -  
Lden



Industry  
- Lden

•Dublin City Council Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit's web page;  
<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/role-air-quality-monitoring-and-noise-control-unit/dublin-city-noise-maps>

•EPA Maps web page; <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/>



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# Noise Population Exposure Statistics & Harmful Effects

Noise Exposure (dB Lden)	Road (All Sources)		Road (Major Sources)		Rail		Industry	
	Dublin Agglomeration	Dublin City Council						
55-59	287,422	90,298	150,999	31,298	33,912	18,741	1,675	1,441
60-64	160,531	55,869	78,830	20,652	19,312	10,498	360	344
65-69	78,660	39,721	53,634	26,719	14,628	7,802	101	99
70-74	23,068	12,349	20,725	11,170	10,687	6,552	31	31
>=75	2,451	371	2,430	363	5,681	4,405	0	0
	552,132	<b>198,608</b>	306,618	<b>90,202</b>	84,220	<b>47,998</b>	2,167	<b>1,915</b>
Noise Exposure (dB Lnight)	Dublin Agglomeration	Dublin City Council						
50-54	169,176	50,743	104,774	22,946	22,358	12,667	1,132	1,032
55-59	78,403	35,358	54,734	22,572	15,478	8,155	255	244
60-64	32,959	19,224	29,022	16,543	10,644	6,752	10	10
65-69	6,285	2,601	6,169	2,489	6,193	3,933	31	31
>=70	406	5	390	5	1,889	1,717	0	0
	287,229	<b>107,931</b>	195,089	<b>64,555</b>	56,562	<b>33,224</b>	1,428	<b>1,317</b>

Dublin Agglomeration Road			Dublin Agglomeration Rail		
Harmful Effect	Dublin Agglomeration	Dublin City Council	Harmful Effect	Dublin Agglomeration	Dublin City Council
Ischaemic Heart Disease	101	40			
Highly Annoyed	108,380	<b>40,727</b>	Highly Annoyed	21,052	<b>12,406</b>
Highly Sleep Disturbed	28,996	10,641	Highly Sleep Disturbed	10,987	6,630

**Note:** that harmful effects is a statistical approach across the whole population covered by the noise maps, and is not an accurate assessment of the possible health effects at any given location.



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# Noise Action Plan Requirements

## Requirements of Noise Action Plan (NAP)

- Objective of the Regulations;
  - “... to avoid, prevent or reduce on a prioritised basis the harmful effects, including annoyance, due to exposure to environmental noise.”*
- The Noise Action Plan must;

Level of effect	Source	Level	WHO Guidelines
Noise above these levels is associated with adverse health effects and adverse effects on sleep	Aircraft	45 dB L <sub>den, outside</sub> 40 dB L <sub>night, outside</sub>	ENG 2018
	Railways	54 dB L <sub>den, outside</sub> 44 dB L <sub>night, outside</sub>	ENG 2018
	Roads	53 dB L <sub>den, outside</sub> 45 dB L <sub>night, outside</sub>	ENG 2018
	Wind Turbines	45 dB L <sub>den, outside</sub>	ENG 2018

“...determine the measures to be included in an action plan” and;

“.....address priorities which—

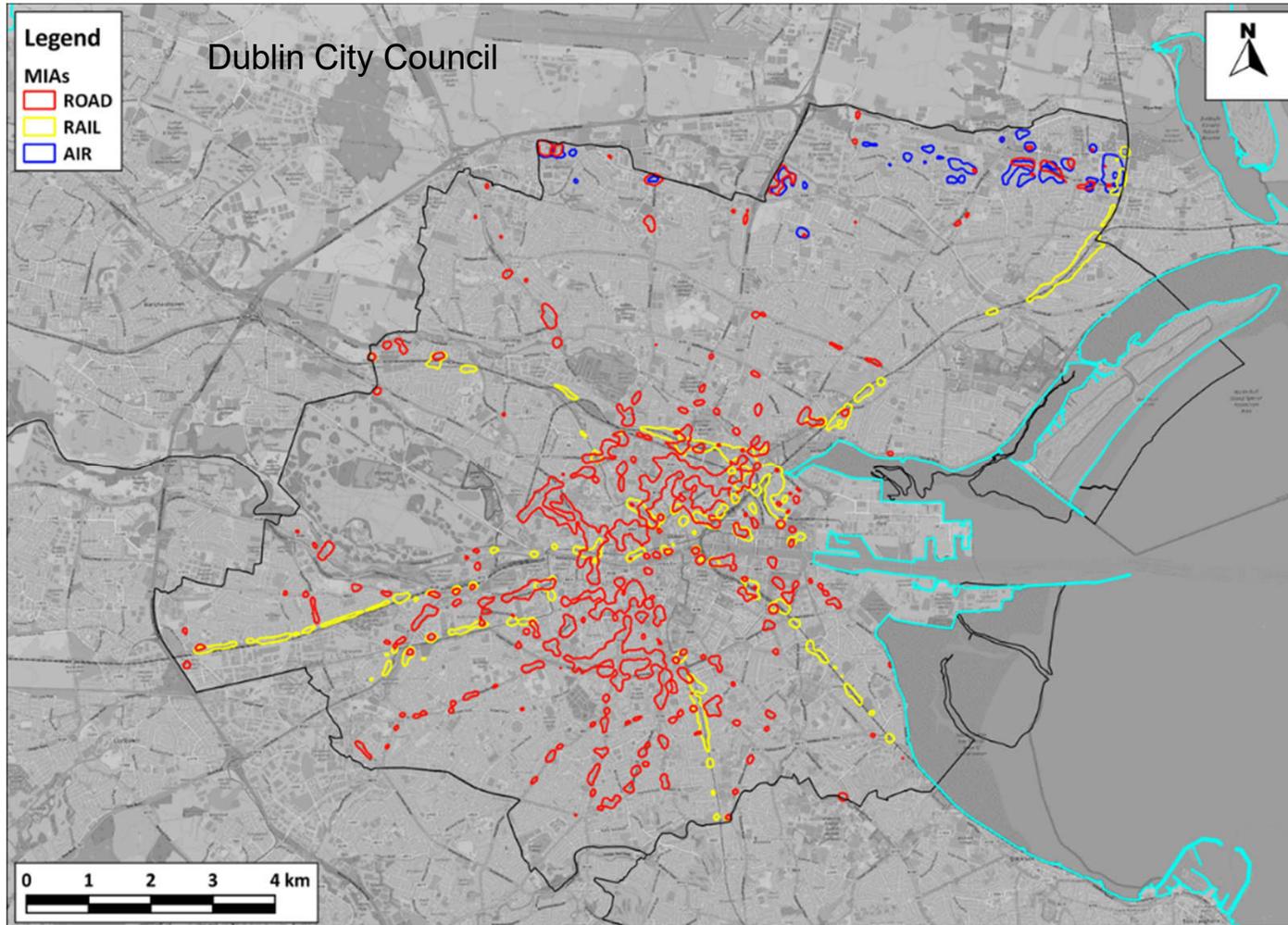
*(i) may be identified on the basis of exceedances of any relevant noise limit value or other relevant criteria established by the Agency in accordance with subparagraph (3), and*

*(ii) shall, in the first instance, address the most important area or areas, as the case may be, established by strategic noise mapping. “ and ;*

“have as its objective that of also protecting quiet areas in an agglomeration ..... “



# Dublin City Council - Most Important Areas (MIA)



	Total No. of MIAs	MIAs (Road)	MIAs (Rail)	MIAs (Air)
Dublin City Council	320	214	78	28



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# Dublin City Council – Priority Important Areas

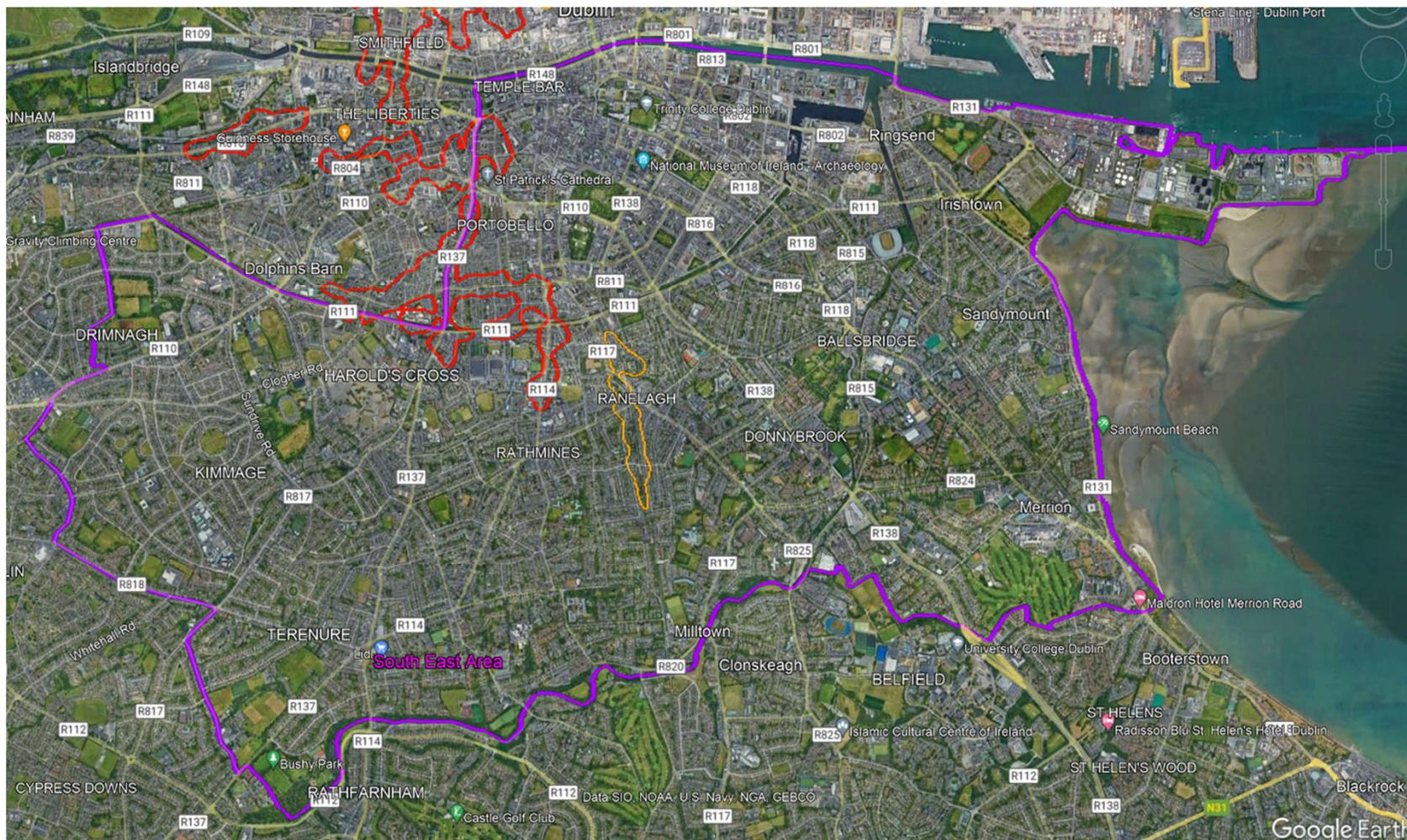


Red – Road  
Orange – Rail/Luas

Action Planning Authority	Number of cPIAs	cPIAs - Road	cPIAs - National Road	cPIAs - Rail (Irish Rail)	cPIAs - Rail (Luas)
Dublin City Council	11	7	0	2	2

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# South East Area – Priority Important Areas

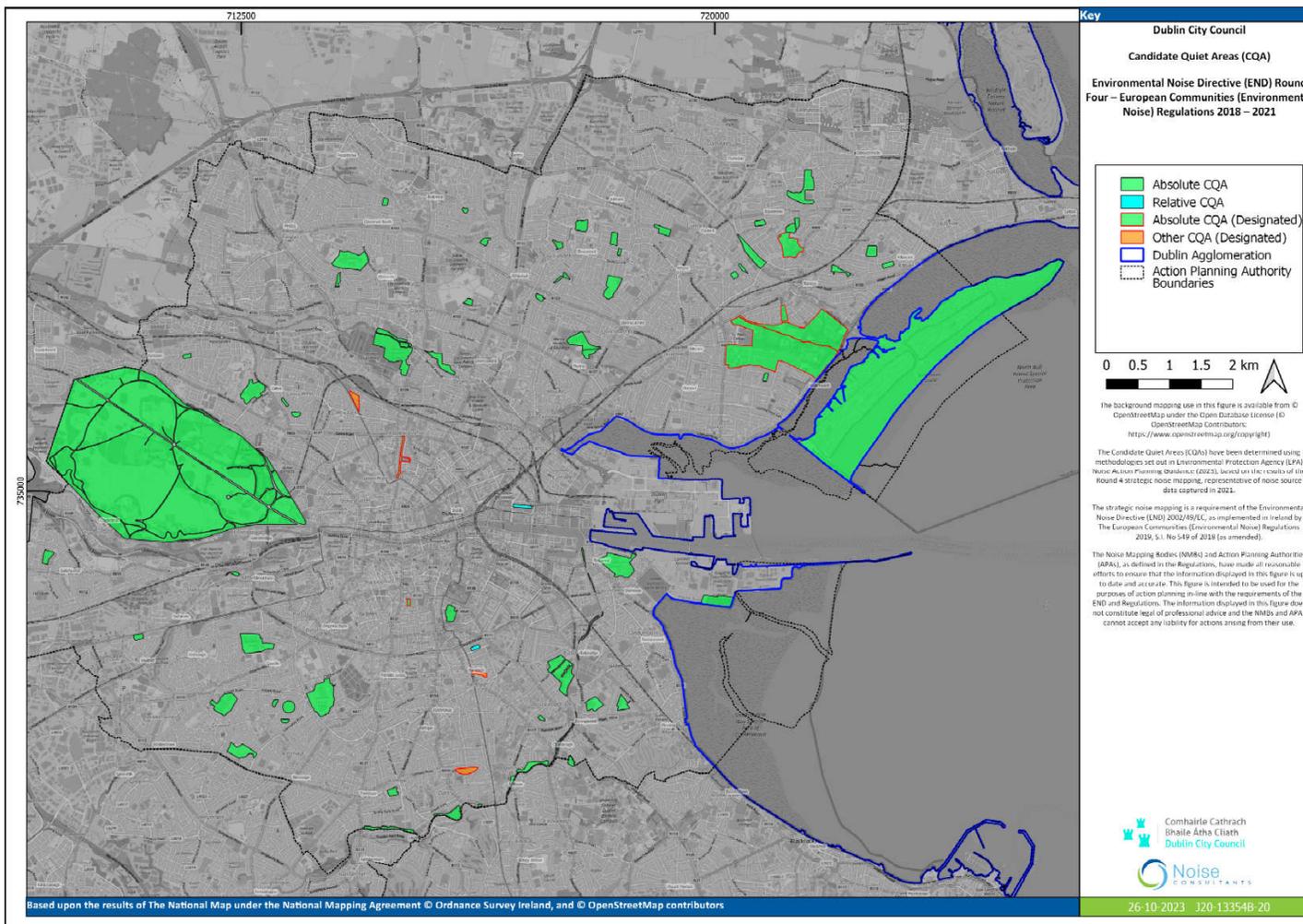


South East Area PIAs: 2, 5, 11



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# Dublin City Council - Candidate Quiet Areas

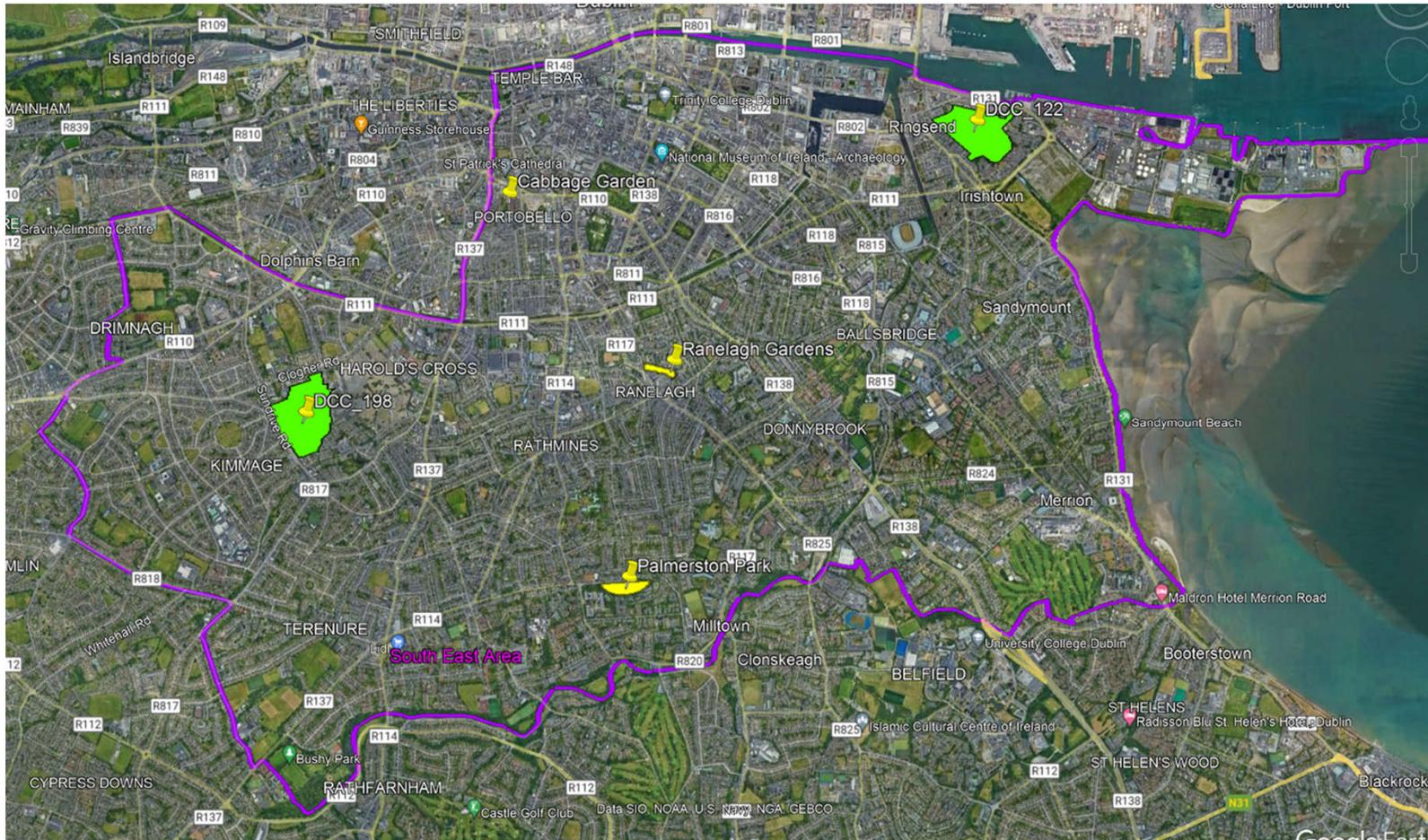


Action Planning Authority	Total: PCQAs Considered	Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs) - Absolute	Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs) - Relative	Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs) - Other	Total: CQAs
Dublin Agglomeration	650	172	7	7	186
Dublin City Council	208	62	2	5	69



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# South East Area – Quiet Areas & Shortlisted Candidate Quiet Areas



Committee_Area	QA_ID	NAME	LQ16_median	AREA_HA	Pop. Within 1 km	DESIGNATED
<b>SOUTH EAST AREA</b>						
<b>Existing Quiet Areas</b>						
SOUTH EAST	DCC_158	Cabbage Garden	43	1	30110	Y
SOUTH EAST	DCC_105	Ranelagh Gardens	47	1	24022	Y
SOUTH EAST	DCC_39	Palmerston Park	50	2.5	18738	Y
<b>Candidate Quiet Areas</b>						
SOUTH EAST	DCC_198	Eamonn Ceannt Park	48	17	31422	N
SOUTH EAST	DCC_122	Ringsend Park	49	14	14688	N



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# Draft Noise Action Plan – Noise Management Framework

Measures & Actions		Policy Principle	Time scale
<b>Noise Action Plan Preparation</b>			
	Noise Action Plan Completion		18th July 2024
<b>General Noise Management Measures and Actions</b>			
DCC_1.1	Dublin City Council Noise Working Group	All	Bi-annual
DCC_1.2	Noise Action Plan Working Group(s) - Action Planning Authorities & Transport Infrastructure Owners	All	Bi-annual
DCC_1.3	Annual Report to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	All	Annual
DCC_1.4	Planning Application Advice, Conditioning and Enforcement	Prevention	Ongoing
DCC_1.5	Continued Investigation and Management of Noise Complaints	Prevention	Ongoing
DCC_1.6	Maintain Existing Ambient Noise Monitoring Network	Prevention	Ongoing
DCC_1.7	Noise Measurements at Priority Important Areas (PIAs), Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs) & Other Locations	Mitigation	Short-term
DCC_1.8	Stakeholder Collaboration	All	Ongoing
DCC_1.9	Ongoing Community Engagement	All	As Required
DCC_1.10	Support the Development of National Noise and Other Related Policy & Guidance	Prevention	Short to Long-term
<b>Existing Plans, Projects and Strategies</b>			
DCC_2.1	Implementation of the Dublin City Centre Transport Plan 2023	Mitigation	Short to Medium-term
DCC_2.2	Continued Delivery of the Active Travel Programme	Prevention/Mitigation	Short to Long-term
DCC_2.3	Support Delivery of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022 - 2042	Mitigation	Short to Long-term
DCC_2.4	Implementation of the Dublin City Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029	Prevention/Mitigation	Short to Long-term
<b>Priority Important Area Noise Management Measures and Actions</b>			
DCC_3.1	Evaluation of each Priority Important Area (PIA)	Mitigation	Short-term
DCC_3.2	Review Road Maintenance Works Programme for Noise Benefits within Priority Important Areas (PIAs) and Other Areas	Mitigation	Ongoing
DCC_3.3	Road Surface Noise Mitigation Study	Mitigation	Short-term
DCC_3.4	Implement of Recommended Noise Mitigation Measures	Mitigation	Medium to Long-term
<b>Candidate Quiet Areas Measures and Actions</b>			
DCC_4.1	Evaluation of Shortlisted Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs)	Protection	Short to Medium-term
DCC_4.2	Proposal for Quiet Area(s) Designation	Protection	Annually



Thanks You – Questions



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