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THE DUBLIN REGION ENERGY MASTER PLAN

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND RESEARCH ON PATHWAYS TO 2030 & 2050

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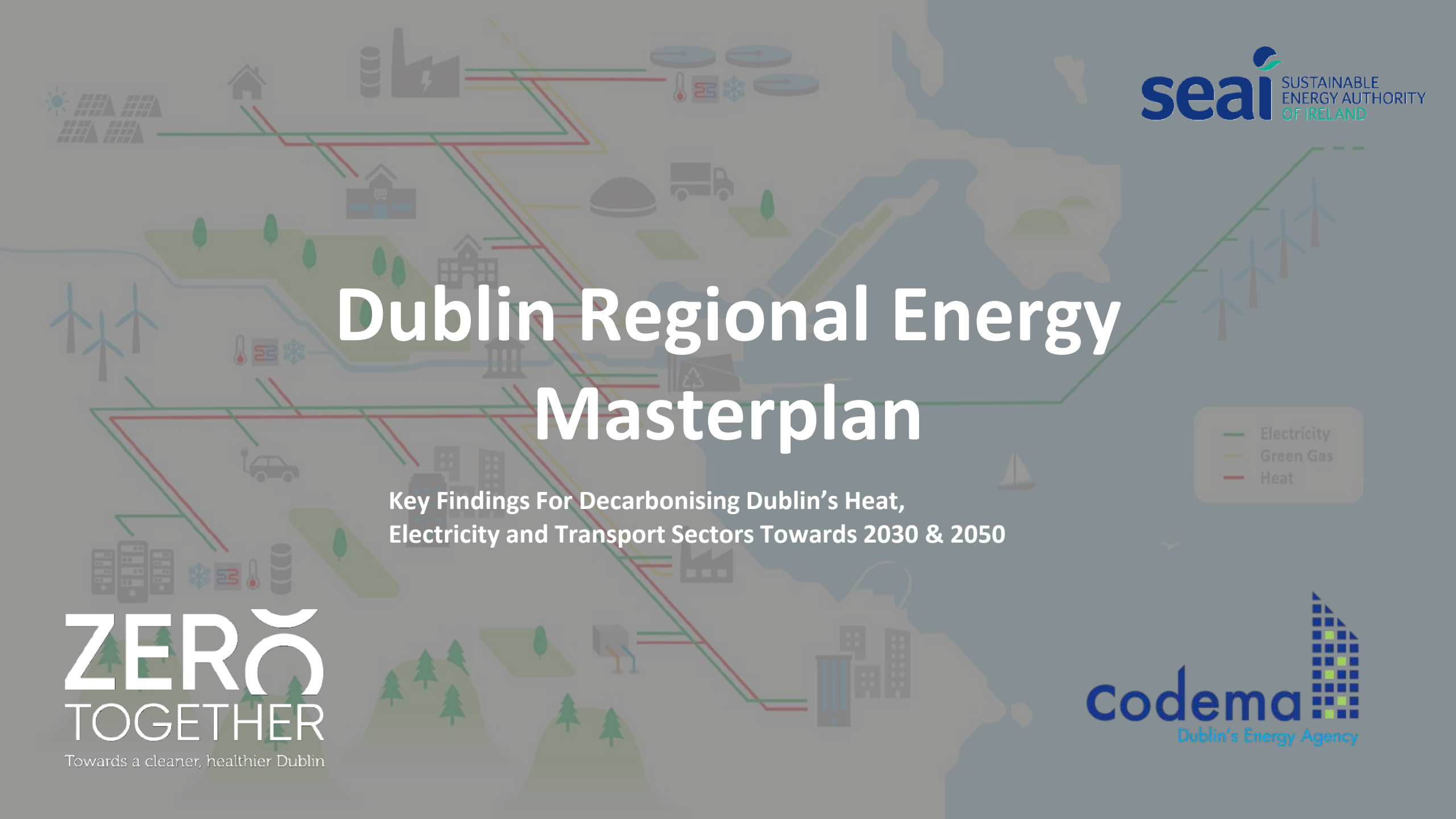
Key Findings For Decarbonising Dublin's Heat, Electricity and Transport Sectors Towards 2030 & 2050



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Towards a cleaner, healthier Dublin

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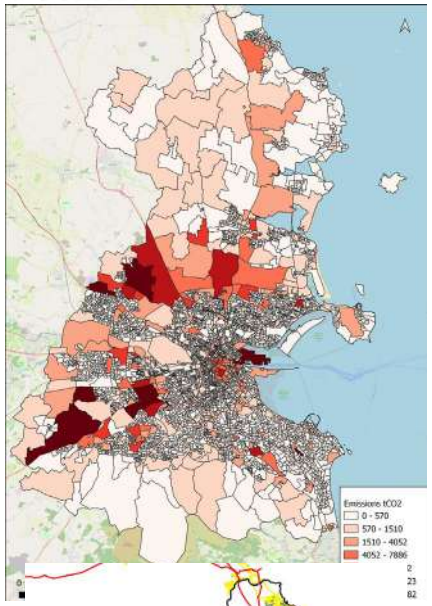
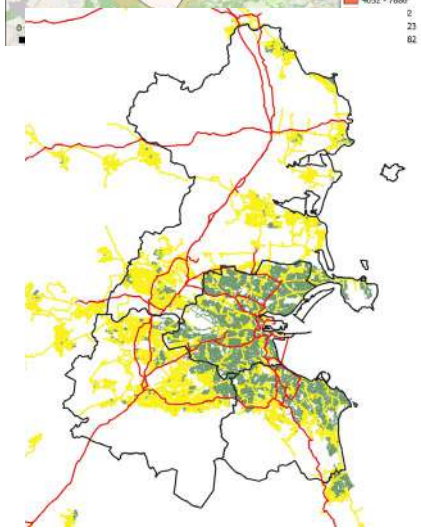
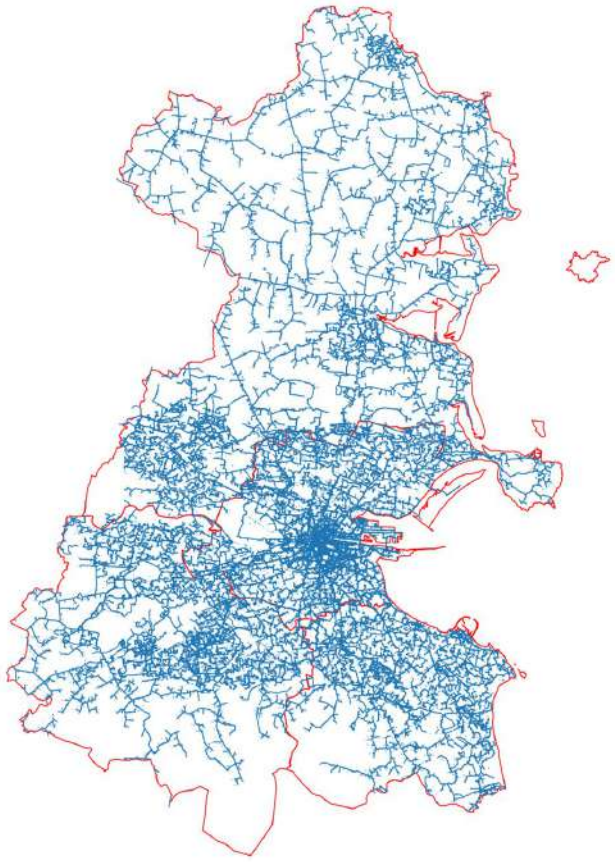


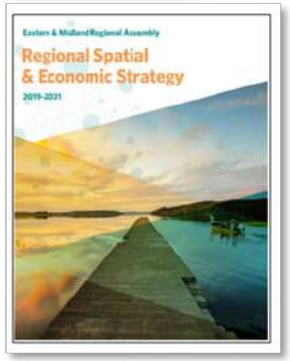




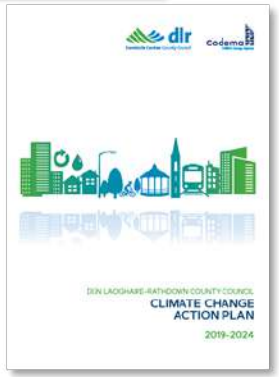
- **First of its kind** in Ireland – building upon best international practice, example for other regions in Ireland to follow
- **Cost-optimal** pathway to 2030 and 2050 targets
- Holistic **integrated energy model** looking **ALL** energy sectors (heat, transport and electricity) and considering **local technical constraints**
- Digital twin of the **local** energy landscape – **evidence base** for informing policy & infrastructure planning
- **Spatially-led** (topographical & spatial constraints included)
- Also considers the wider **social & economic** impacts

Supporting National, Regional & Local Policy & Planning

National – National Planning Framework (assess GHG Impact of CDPs), CAP (Contribution to national targets)



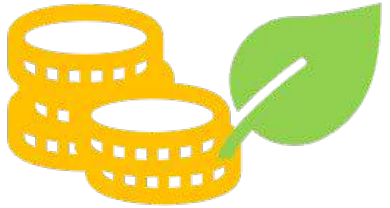
Regional – Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly RSES (RPO 3.6, 7.35, 7.38, 7.40, 7.42)



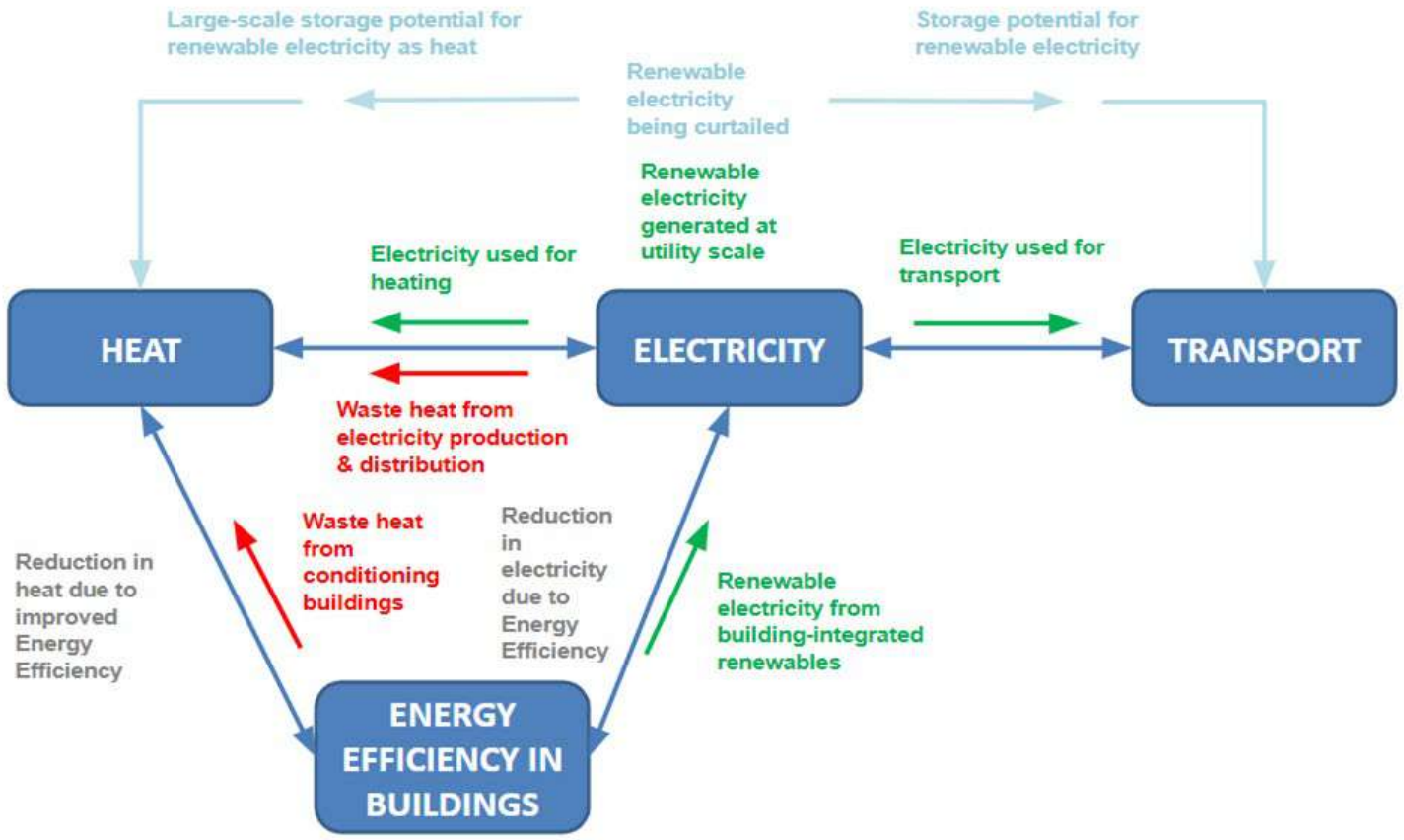
Local – Climate Change Action Plans, County Development Plans, Decarbonising Zones, SEC Masterplans

Potential for Supporting Decarbonisation into the Future

- SEC Masterplans – Continue evidence base sharing for local energy masterplan development
- Feedback into Climate Action Plan – Regional constraints & contributions
- Citizen & stakeholder engagement – Online platform to vote for technologies in their area/register interest for aggregating projects, provide own data to refine data sets
- Provide evidence & insights to mobilise green investment



Masterplan Overview



- The main energy sectors identified by this masterplan are the heat, electricity and transport sectors.
- Holistic approach to modelling energy demand is of utmost importance
- The flow and synergies between each energy sector, are captured - energy efficiency in buildings impacts both the heat and electricity sector, whilst transport would impact the electricity sector.

Masterplan Overview

* Includes building fabric energy efficiency improvements

Big Challenge - Need to work together!

- Prioritised use of **open-source** tools - Python-based with a high degree of replicability
- **Resources and maps available online** which allow for general public to find answers to energy questions in their area and **increase engagement with the area of local energy - available on our Github and Tableau Public**
- Making useful data available (with some pre-processing completed) as a **starting point for further research by wider organisations and Academia** – e.g. working with National Residential Energy Modelling Group agreed a standardised process for cleaning data for wider use
- Output being used to **develop local policy** in the areas of heat, electricity and transport via County Development Plans, Decarbonisation Zone, SEC Masterplans (lasso tool) etc.

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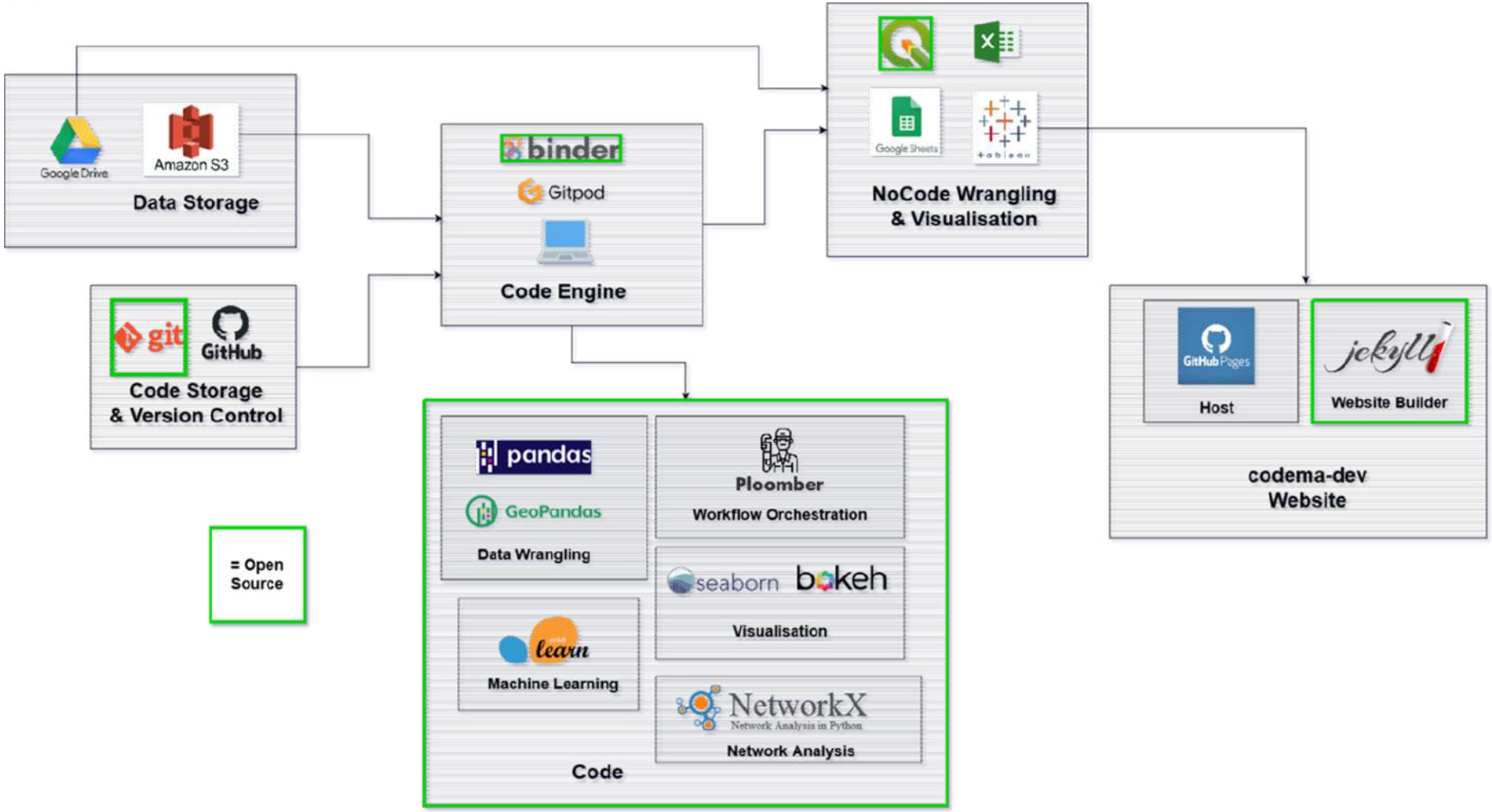
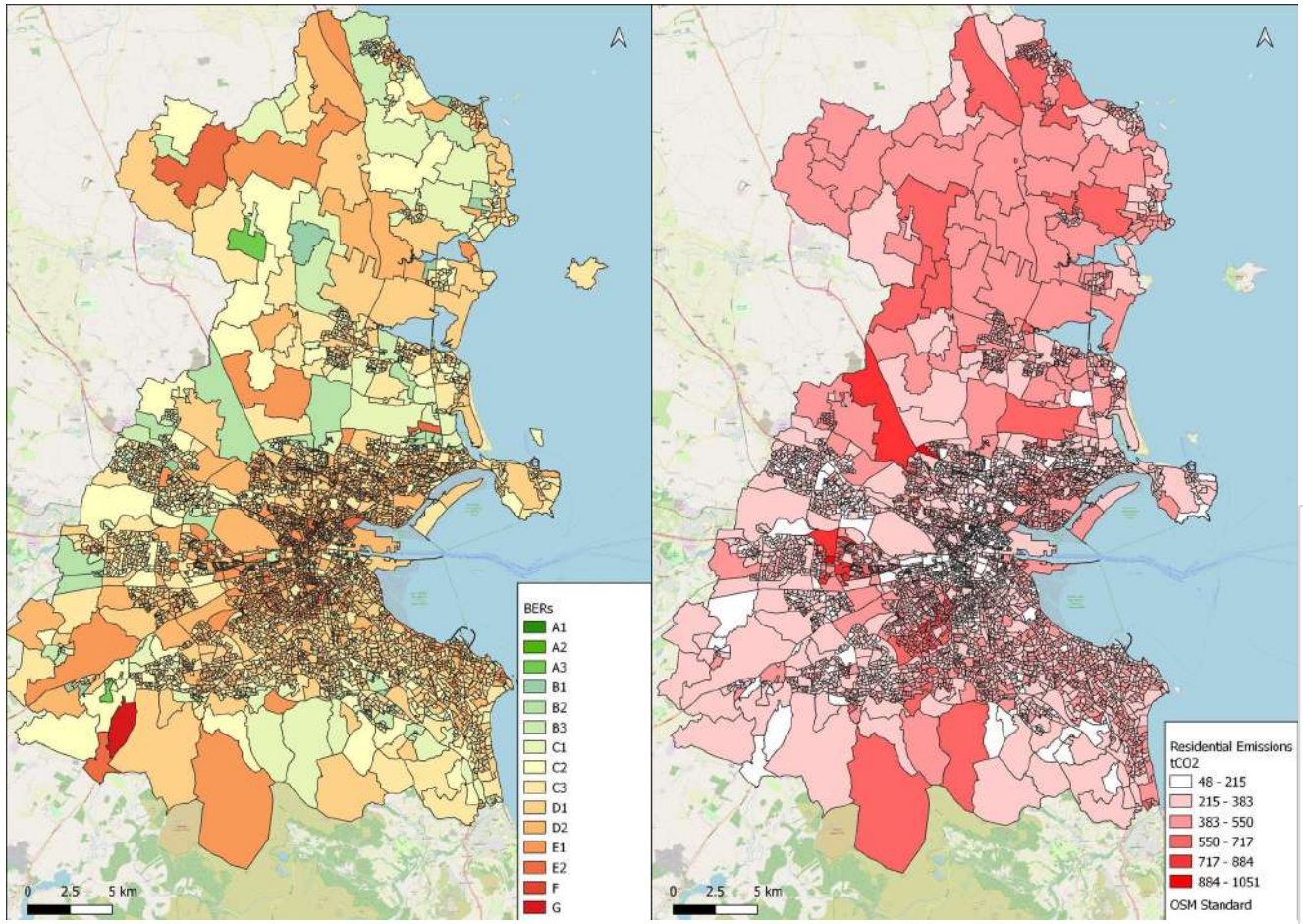
Novel Approach

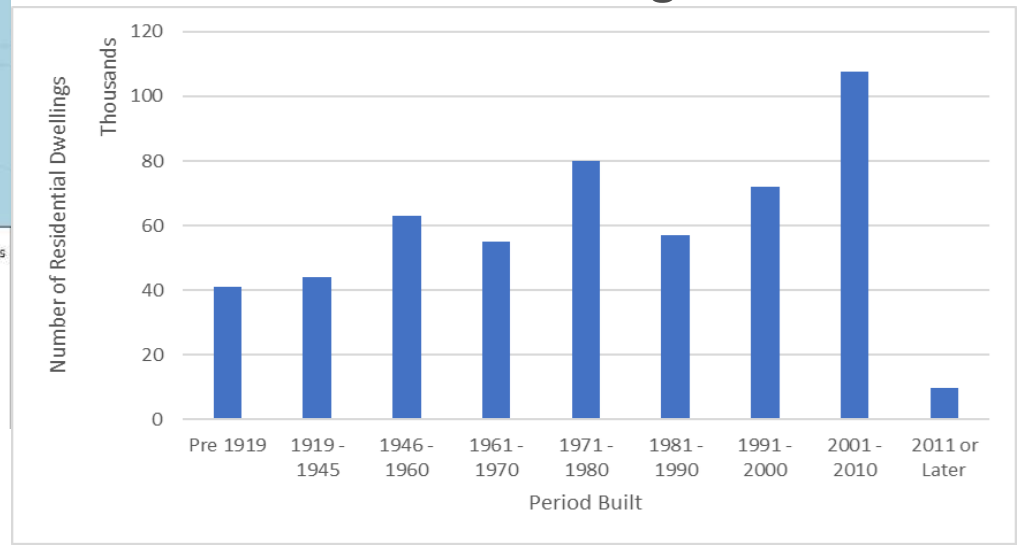


Current Situation

Buildings - Residential



- The housing stock is ageing & poorly rated.
- 78% of residential buildings built before year 2000
- Most common BER is D2 rating (17%)
- Buildings rated D1 or worse make up 58% of the housing stock



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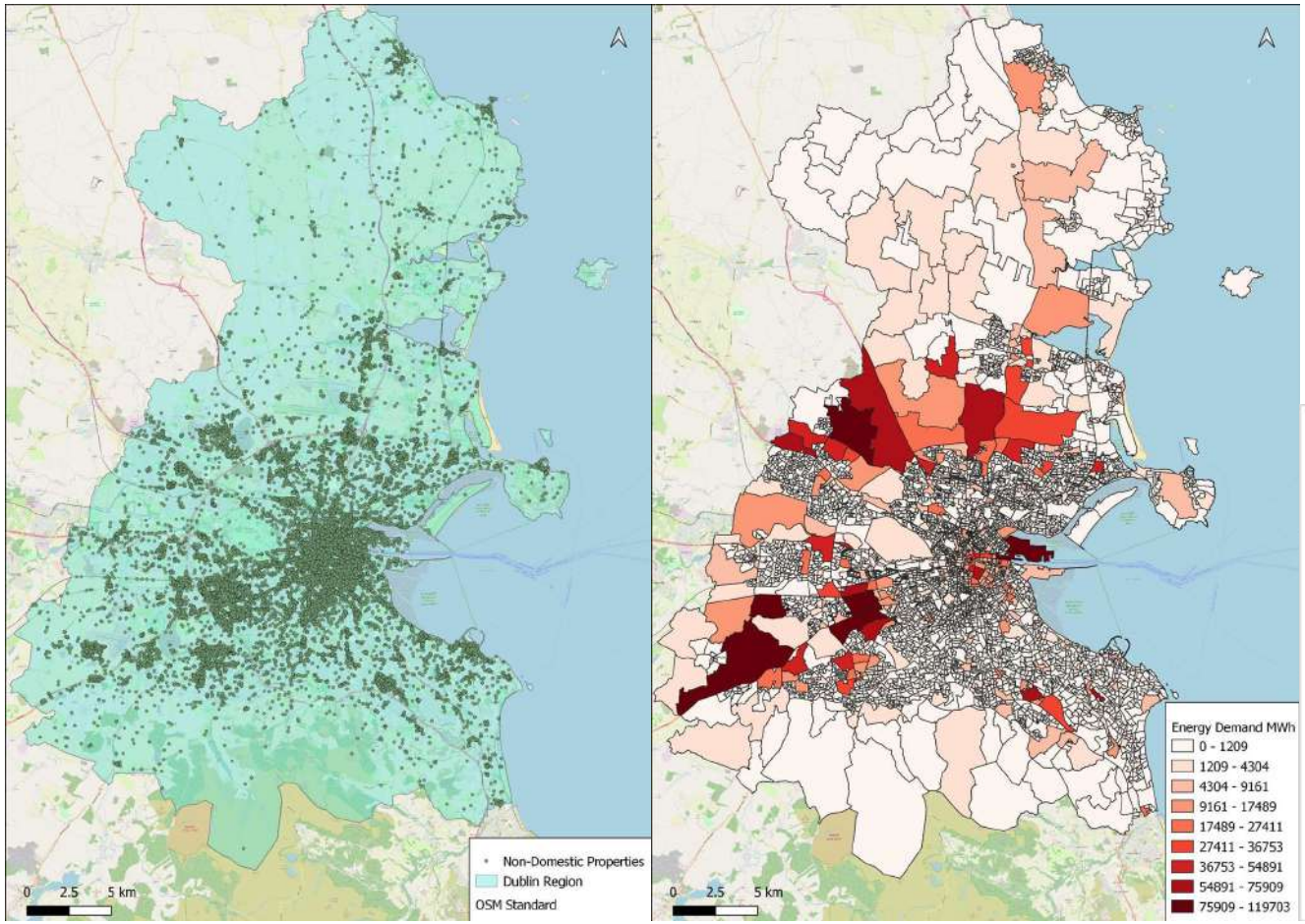
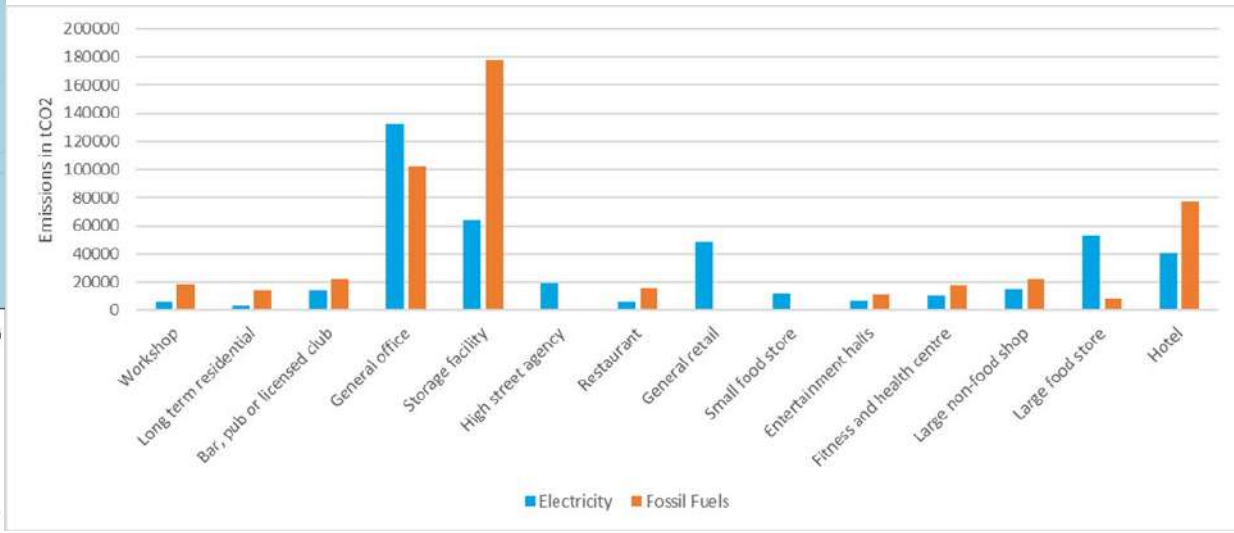
Buildings - Non-Domestic



- The total energy demand from non-domestic buildings is 6,300 GWh
- Commercial buildings and services (65%), the public sector (20%) and industrial uses (15%)



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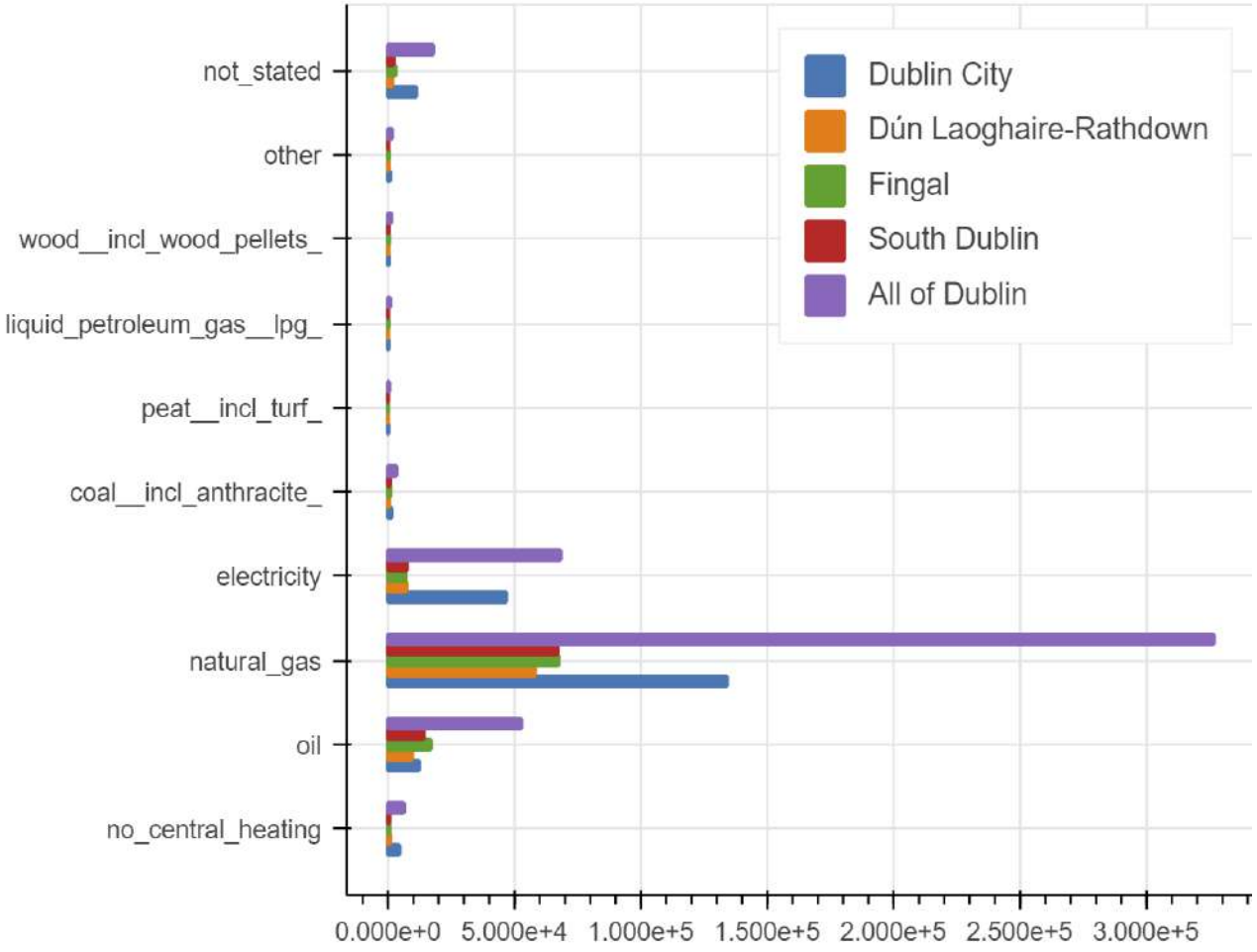
- Total current heat demand in Dublin is 10,328 GWh
- Gas is the predominant heat source - gas boilers currently cover 90% of heat demand in Dublin
- Predominantly individual heating systems in each building



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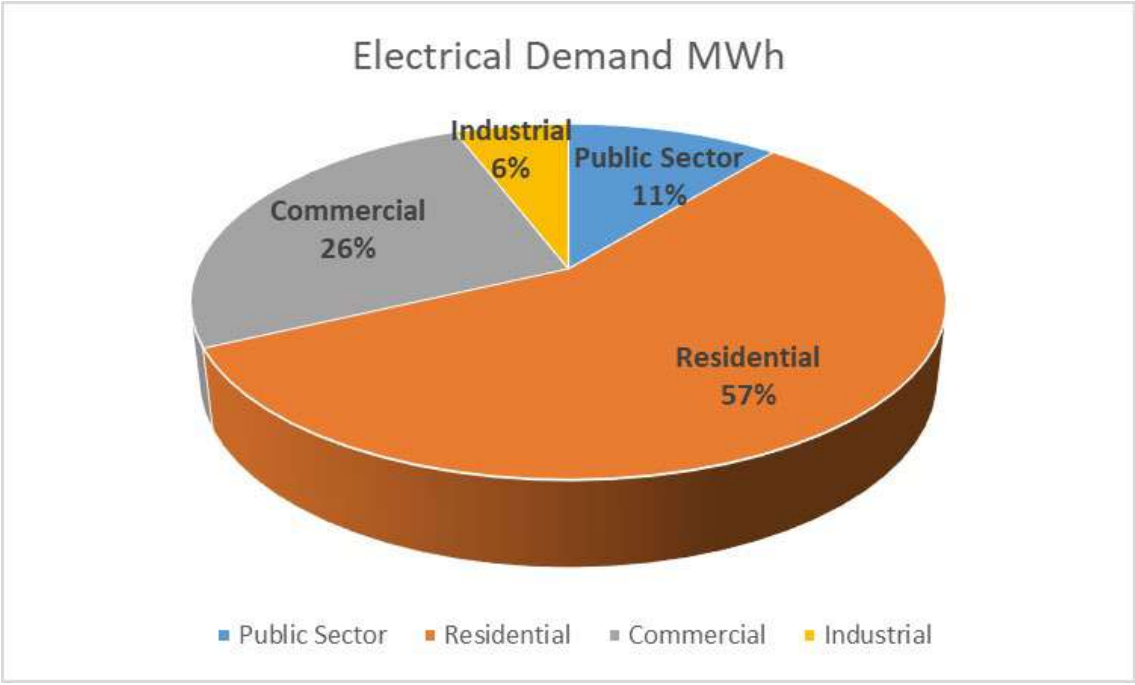
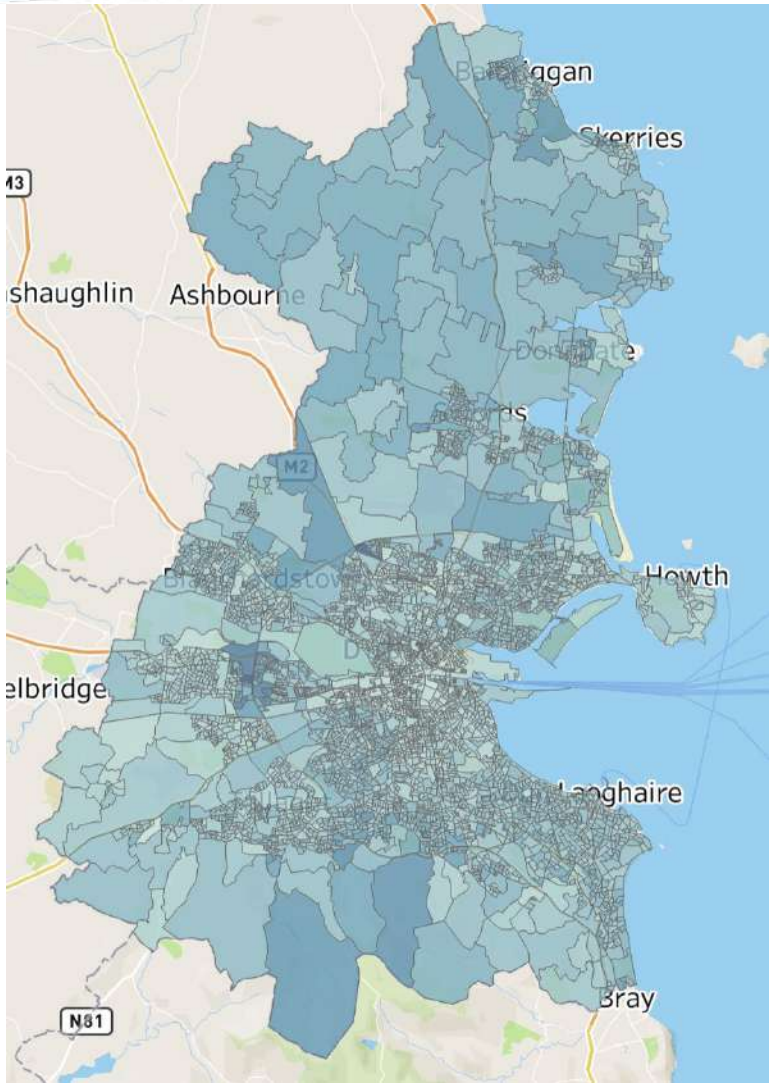
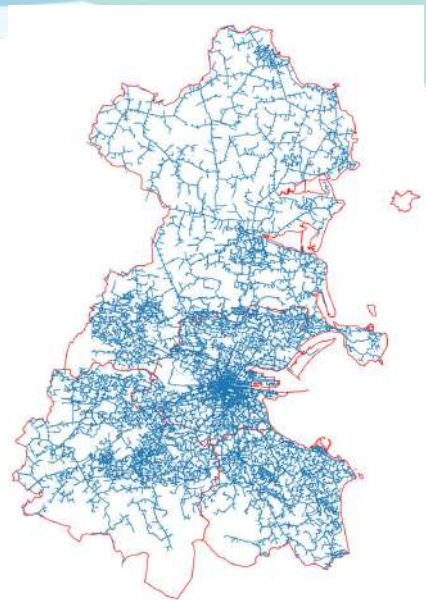
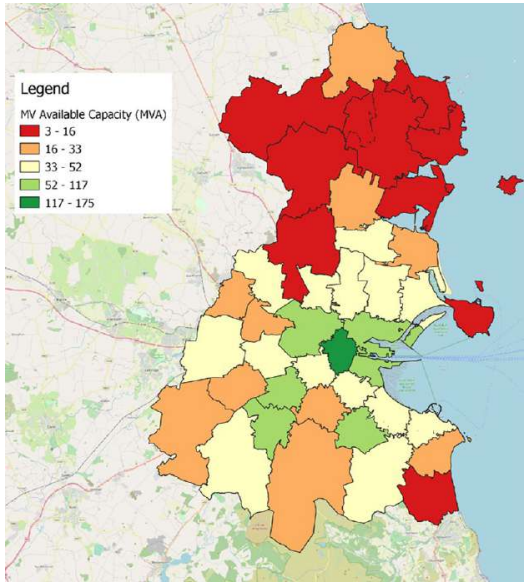
Electricity









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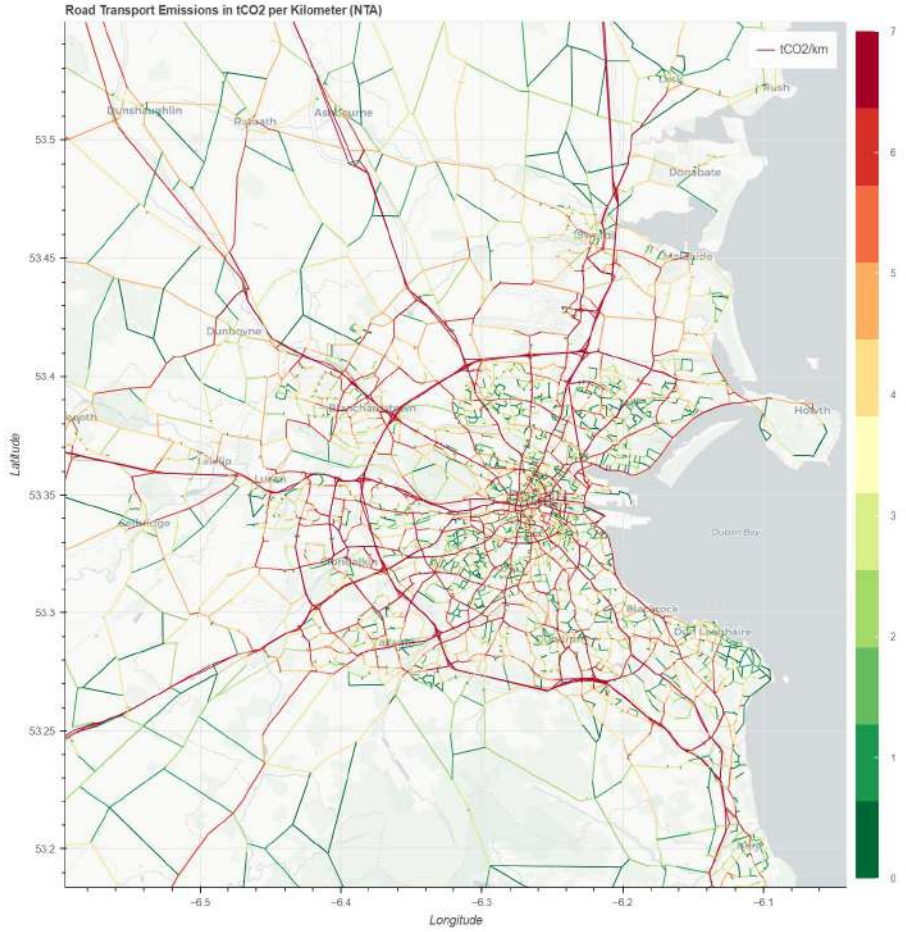
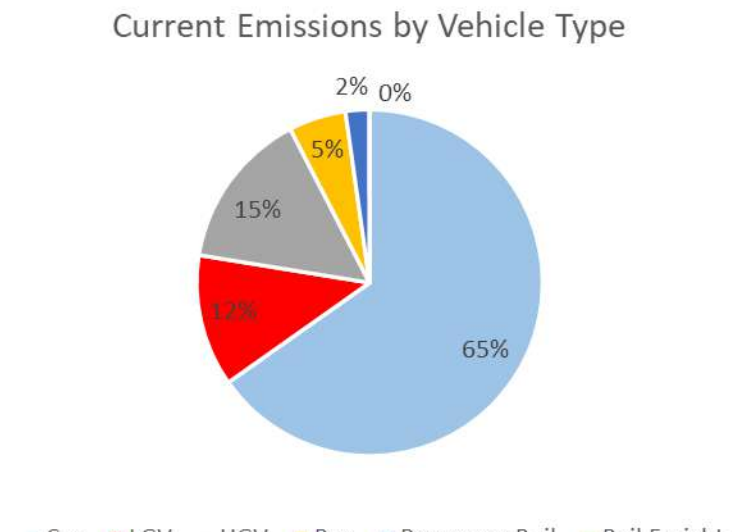
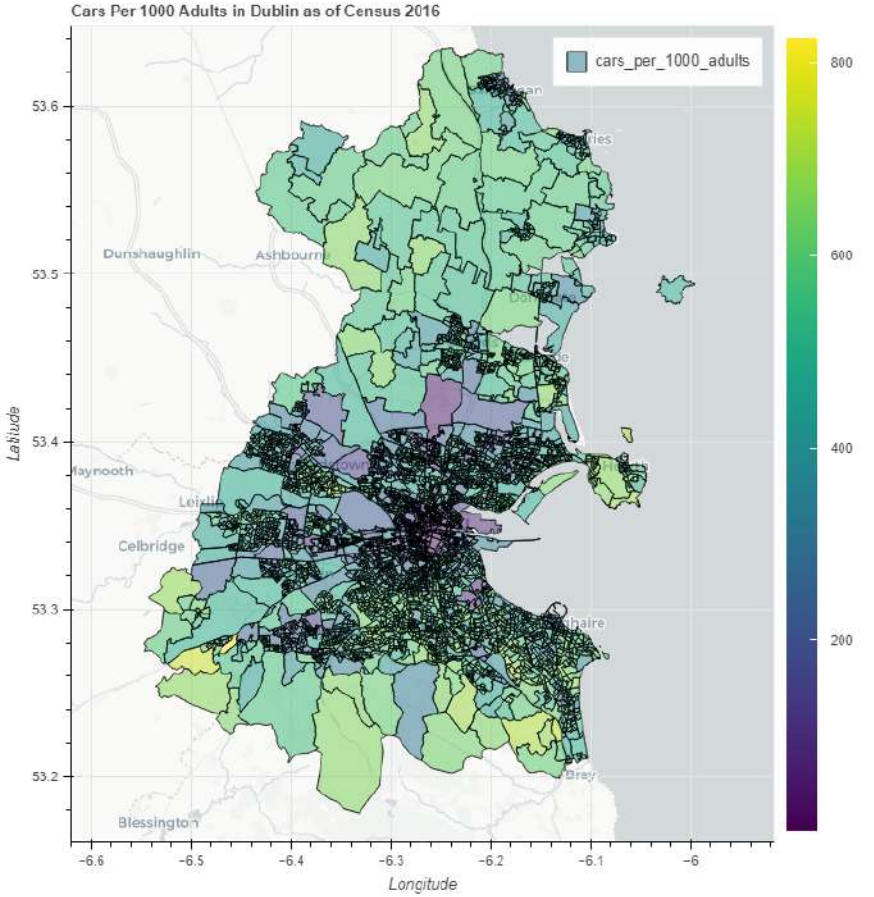
Transport







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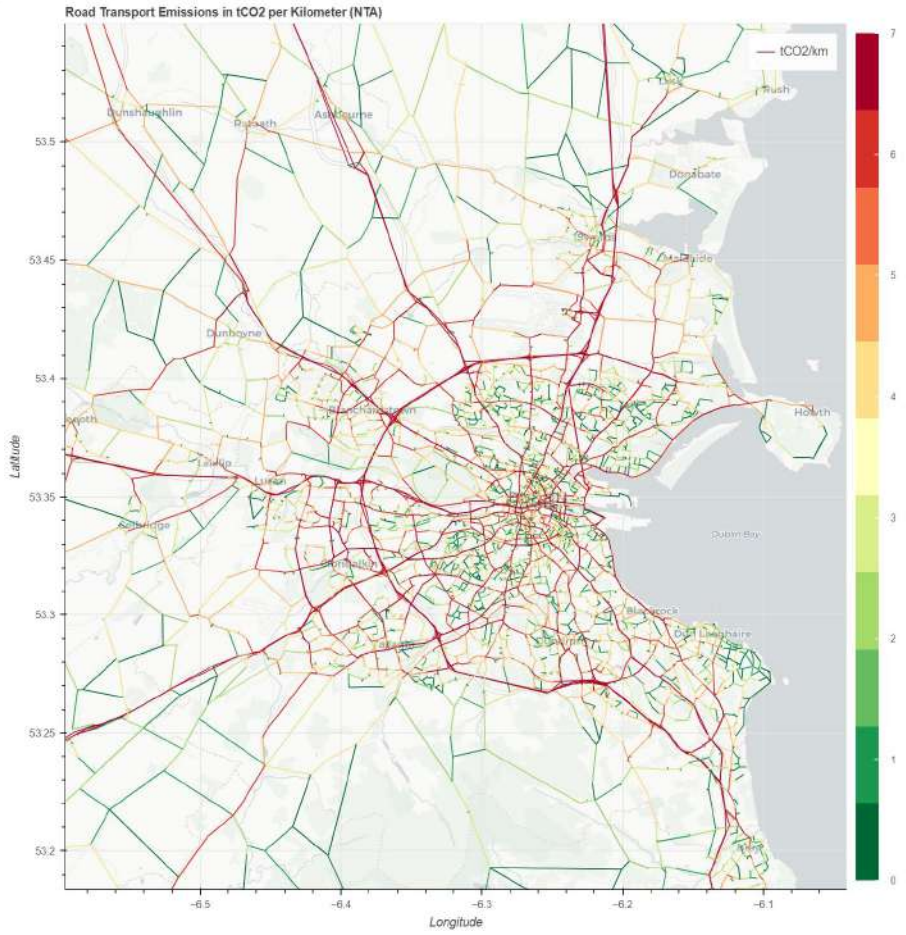

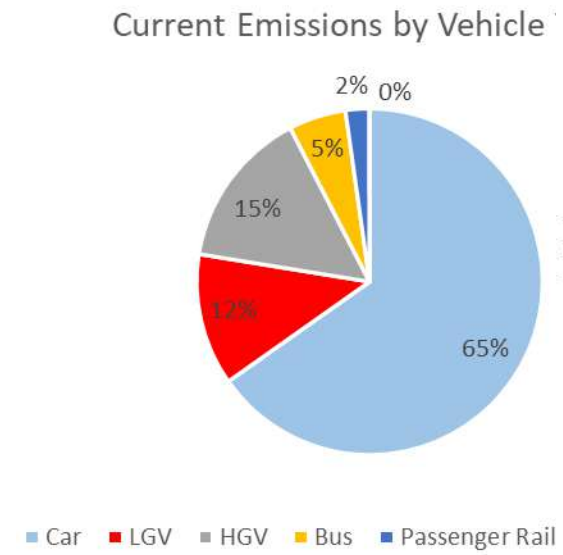

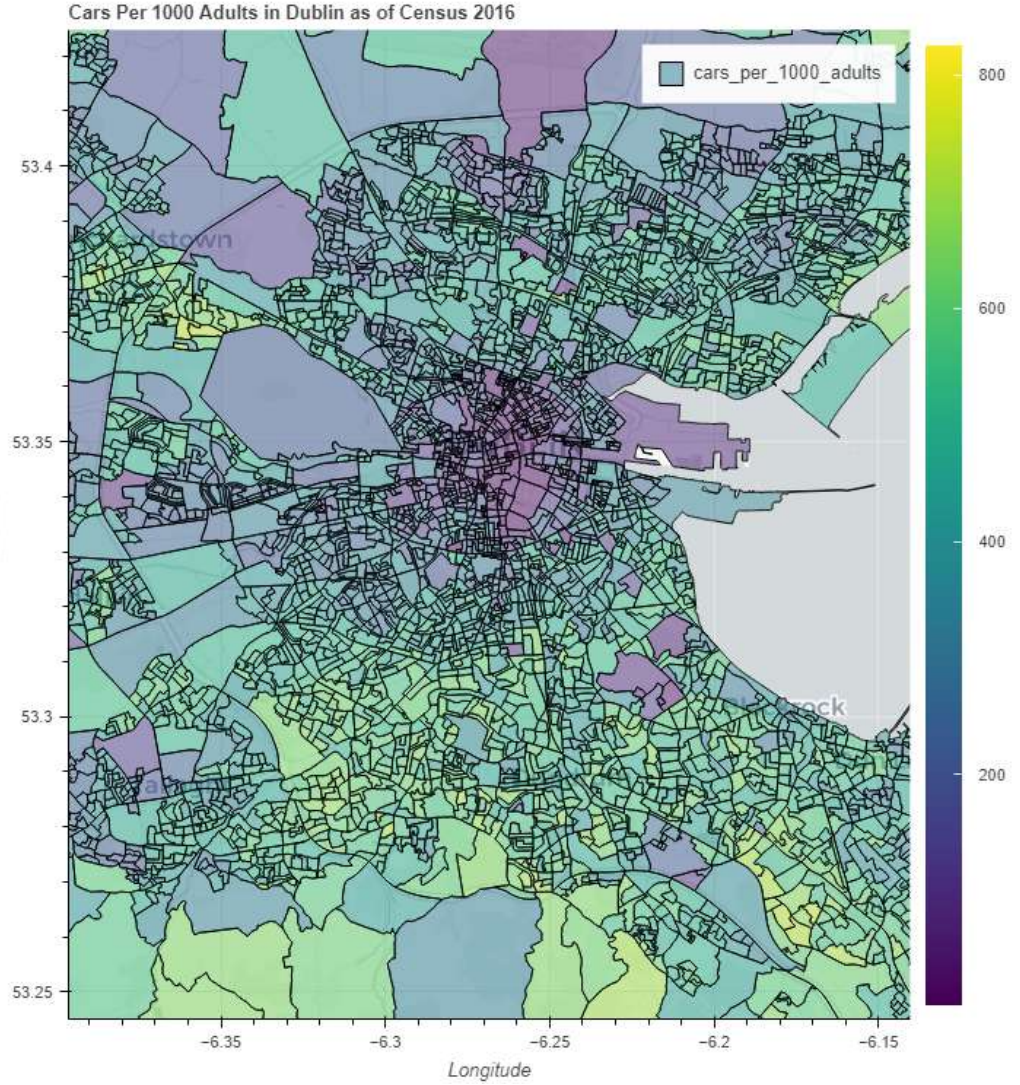

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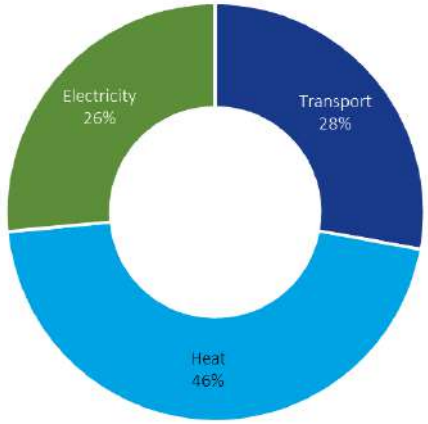
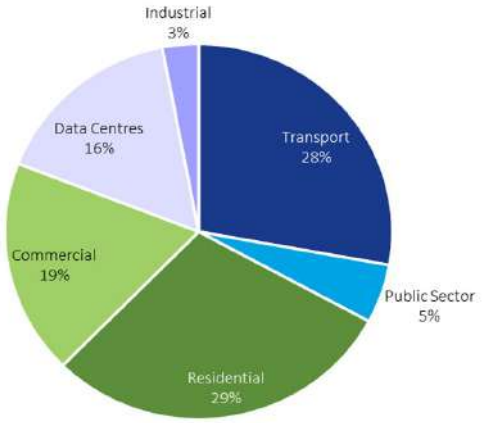
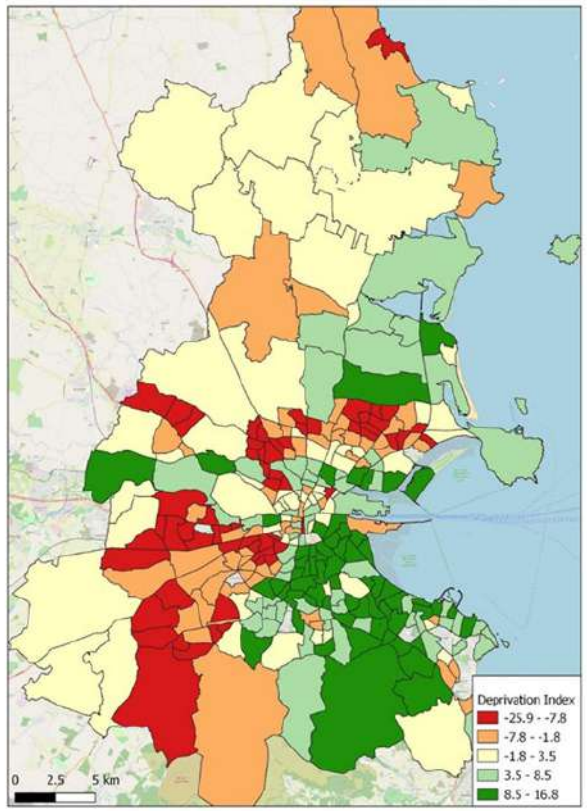
Total Emissions & Gap to Target

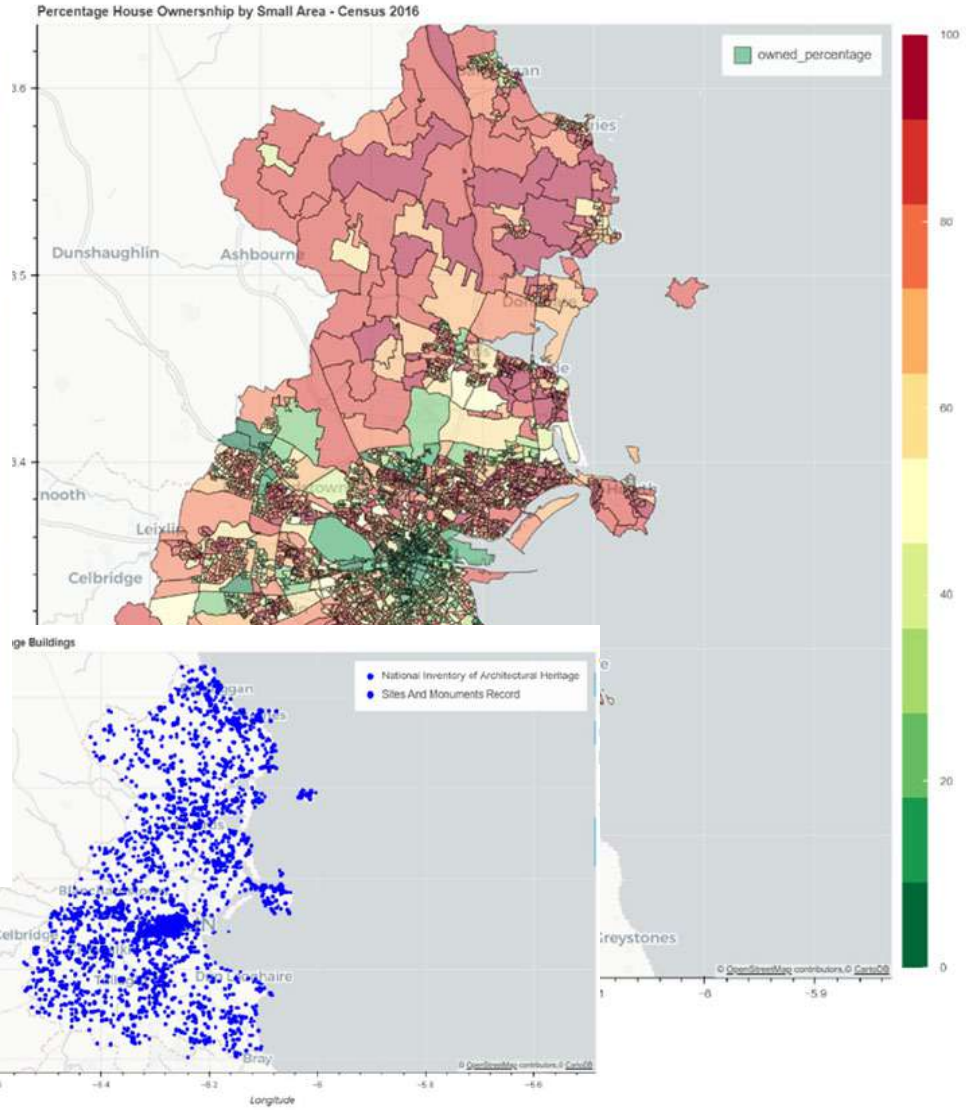




- Dublin's emissions account for **5,699 ktCO$_2$**, 4.22 tonnes of CO$_2$ per person (for the sectors identified in the DREM)
- **Heat 46%**, **transport 28%** and **electricity at 26%** of total emissions
- The sectors that have the highest impact on emissions are the **residential and transport** sector, which combined, contribute **57%** to total emissions.
- The current gap to the **2030 target** amounts to 2,856 ktCO$_2$ (**48% reduction in emissions** needed to meet the 2030 target from 2021).
- A reduction of 5,699 ktCO$_2$ (**100% reduction in emissions** to meet the **2050 target from 2021**) will be needed to meet the 2050 net zero target.

Challenges & Barriers
Buildings





Barriers to building fabric upgrades:

- Accessibility – making it possible and easy for decision makers to retrofit their buildings
- Affordability – retrofit costs can be quite expensive especially to meet specific building regulation standards
- Appetite – there is a need to make businesses and homeowners aware of the benefits of energy efficiency upgrades

Where to Start – Map of Homes with Poor EE in Areas with DPI Below Average

- Building energy efficiency rating (BER) from SEAI database and extrapolated by building age for remaining buildings
- Deprivation Index used to outline residents most at risk to energy poverty
- Both are combined to identify areas where retrofitting should be concentrated first

Energy Poverty:
- BER D1 or Lower
- Unemployment > 20%
- DPI < -10 (Disadvantaged)

☑ (All)
☑ False
☑ True

HP CSO Deprivation Index 2016

-25.90 16.80

BER Rating

☑ (All)
☑ B1
☑ B3
☑ C1
☑ C2
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☑ D1
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☑ E1

HP Deprivation Index 2016

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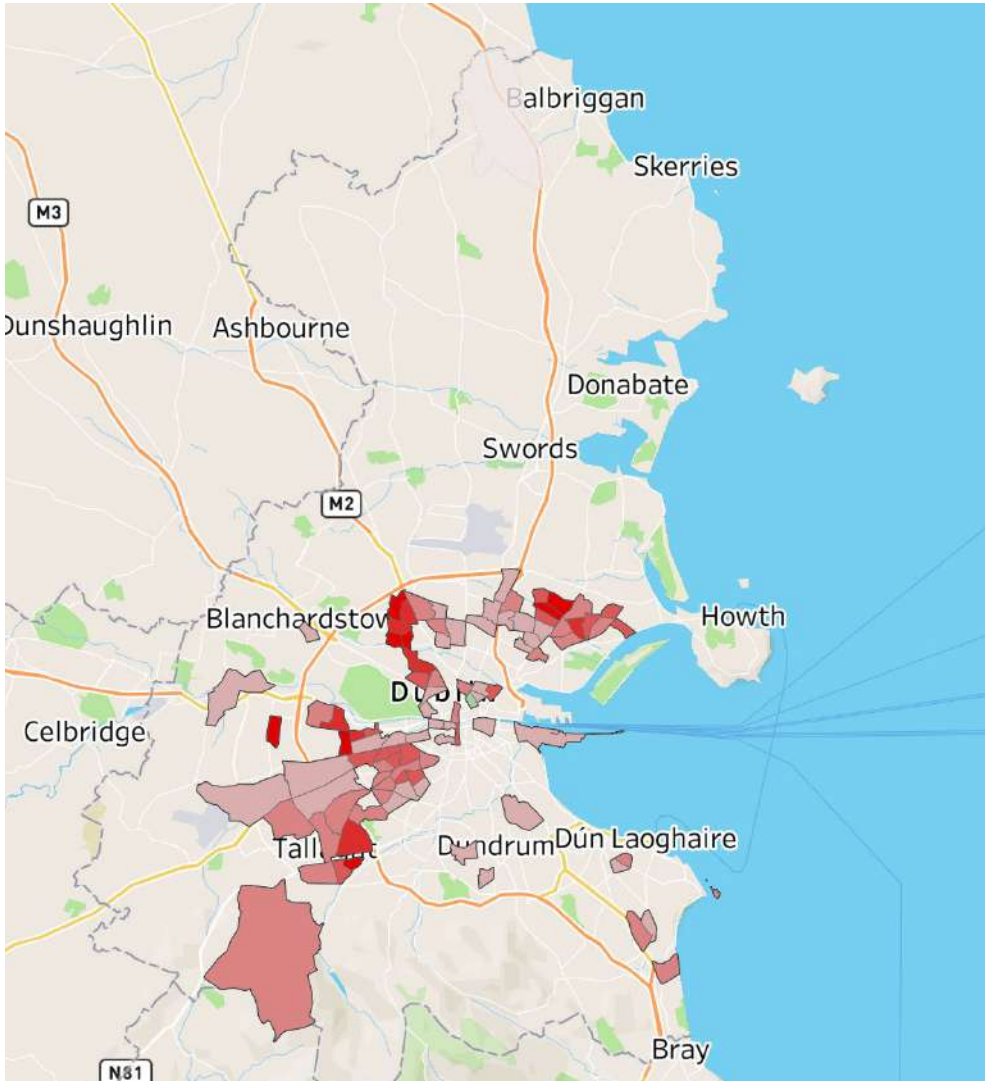
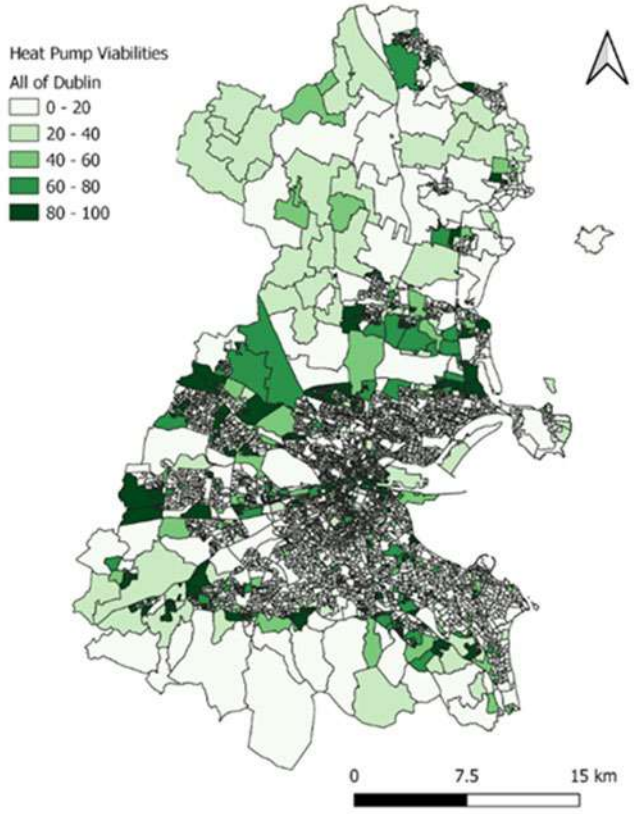


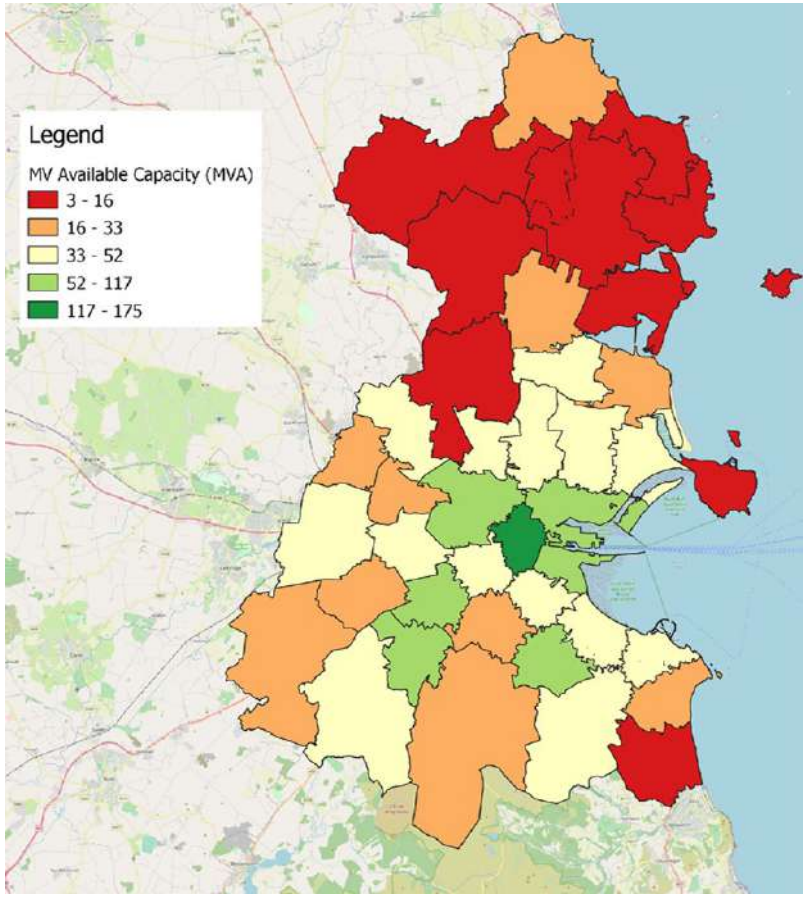
Challenges & Barriers

Heat

Barriers to decarbonising heat:

- High capital cost and cheap gas (relative to electricity)
- Suitability of building to adopting heat pumps (suitable heat loss index - also required to secure grants)
- Cost of elec grid upgrades to electrify heat
- Maintaining efficient operation & high level of service

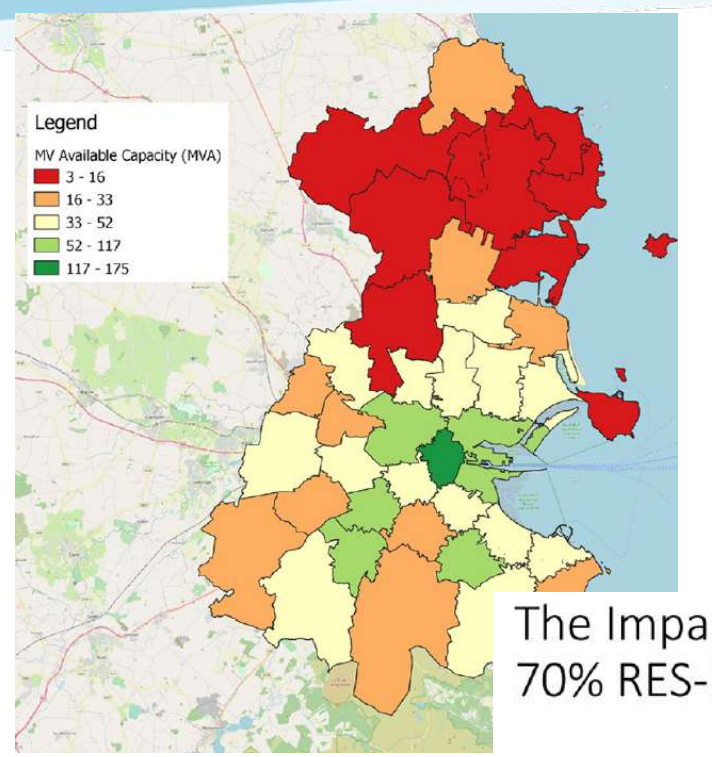




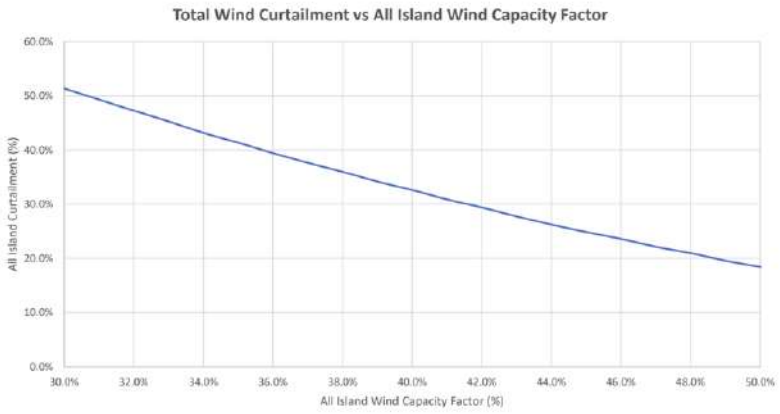
Challenges & Barriers
Electricity

Barriers for electricity sector:

- Achieving the scale of generation required - what & where is the potential
- Need for supporting infrastructure - Transformers, power quality equipment, grid connections
- Excessive dispatch down impacting on cost-effectiveness - role of storage & grid services



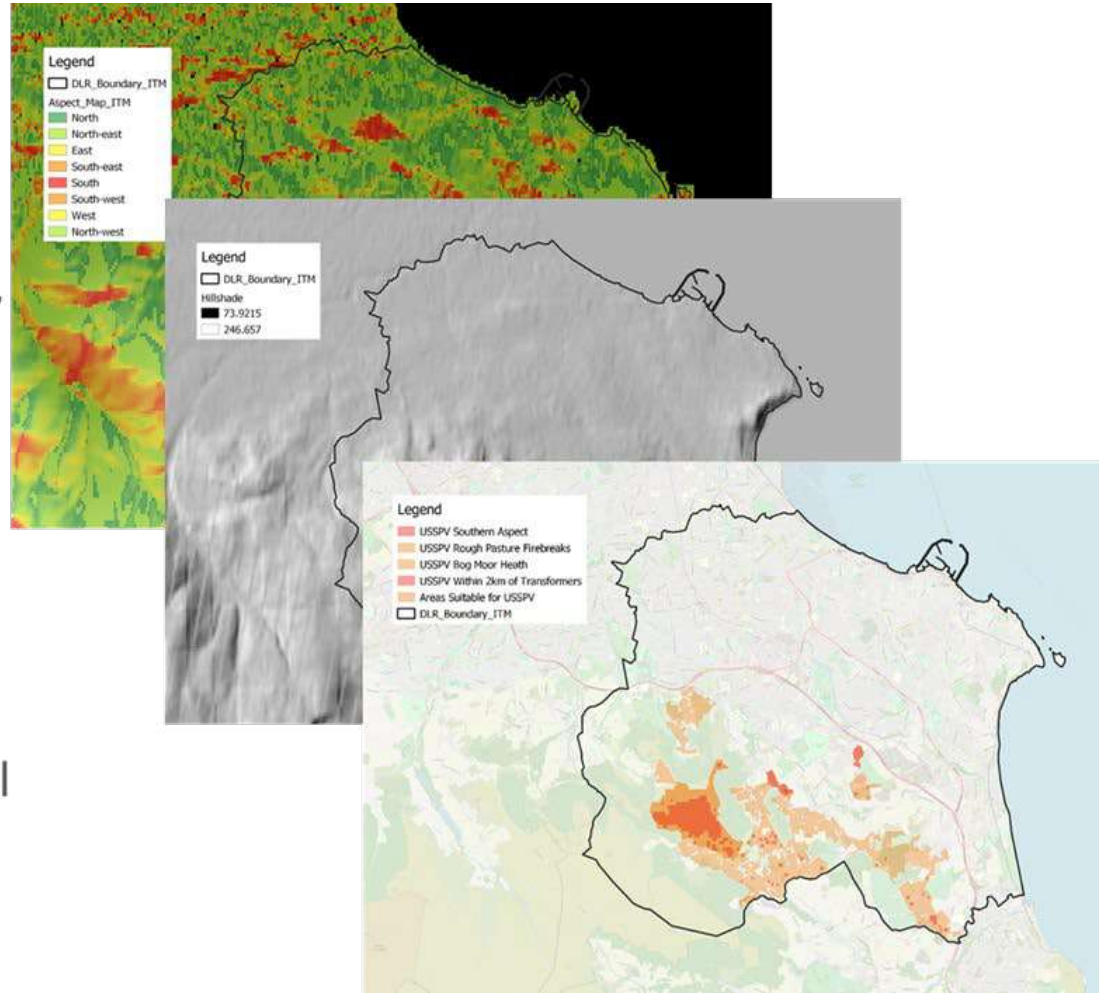
The Impact of Improved Wind capacity factor on 70% RES-E System



Challenges & Barriers

Electricity - Identifying Local Potential USSPV

- **Environmental and feasibility constraints:**
  - Grid proximity
  - Environmentally sensitive areas (SPA, SAC, NHA etc.)
  - Open space with minimal shading
  - Avoid northern slopes >10 degrees and flood zones
  - 30m from woodland, rail, roads
  - Land use/value (e.g. landfill, cutaway bog)
  - Large enough area (10ha)
  - Caveat - Land character assessment (visual impact) not currently included



Challenges & Barriers
Transport

Barriers for Transport:

- 50 years of car-centric development
- We need to drive far less – electrification necessary but not sufficient
- Redistribution of public space to active travel, buses, people, nature – must be safe, comfortable, equitable, prioritised
- Policy makers afraid to act – despite silent majority of public supporting stronger action
- Enforcement of traffic regulations – ANPR
- BEVs 16% of 2022 sales in Dublin, SUVs 54%
- Compact, mixed developments – high density, not necessarily high rise

Cork councillors vote to remove section of cycle lane in front of school for car parking

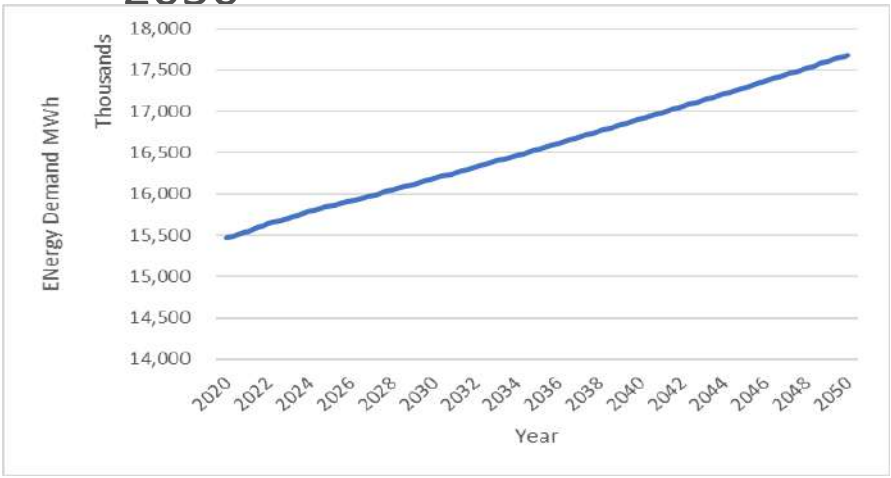
February 14, 2022 by Cian Ginty

IMAGE: A planned section of cycle lane on the school side is to be removed after the vote by councillors.

Business-As-Usual
Buildings & Transport

Business as Usual	Current	2030	2050
	Annual Emissions (tCO2)		
Car	1,085,234	917,950	986,108
LGV	205,014	294,474	316,339
HGV	247,092	374,547	402,357
Bus	88,953	115,201	123,755
E-bike, e-cargobike	0	0	0
Rail freight	239	239	239
Passenger rail	37,174	42,627	55,113
Total	**1,663,707**	**1,745,038**	**1,883,911**
% change		**5%**	**13%**

- **BAU emission** projections to **2030** will increase by **21%**
- **BAU emission** projections to **2050** will increase by **33%**
- **Transport emissions** alone **will increase by 13% by 2050**
- **Building emissions** (including heat & electricity) alone will increase by **41%** by 2050



Pathway to 2030 & 2050
Transport

Increased Ambition	Current	2030	2050
	Annual Emissions (tCO2)		
Car	1,085,234	301,054	0
LGV	205,014	154,575	0
HGV	247,092	262,760	0
Bus	88,953	70,476	0
E-bike, e-cargobike	0	789	0
Rail freight	239	11,324	0
Passenger rail	37,174	13,446	0
Total	**1,663,707**	**814,423**	**0**
% change		**-51%**	**-100%**

	To 2030	To 2050
Low-carbon alternative	€/tCO_2 Abated	
BEV Car	(379)	(649)
BEV LGV	(209)	(288)
BEV HGV	179	(313)
BEV Bus	(22)	(220)
Walking	(7,982)	(7,904)
Cycle	(6,011)	(5,955)
E-bike	(3,760)	(3,625)
E-cargo bike	(926)	(910)

2030 Targets:

213k EVs, fossil fuel car-km 23% ↓

Public transport: bus-km 25% ↑

Freight: logistics management, EVs, e-cargo bikes, rail

2050 Targets:

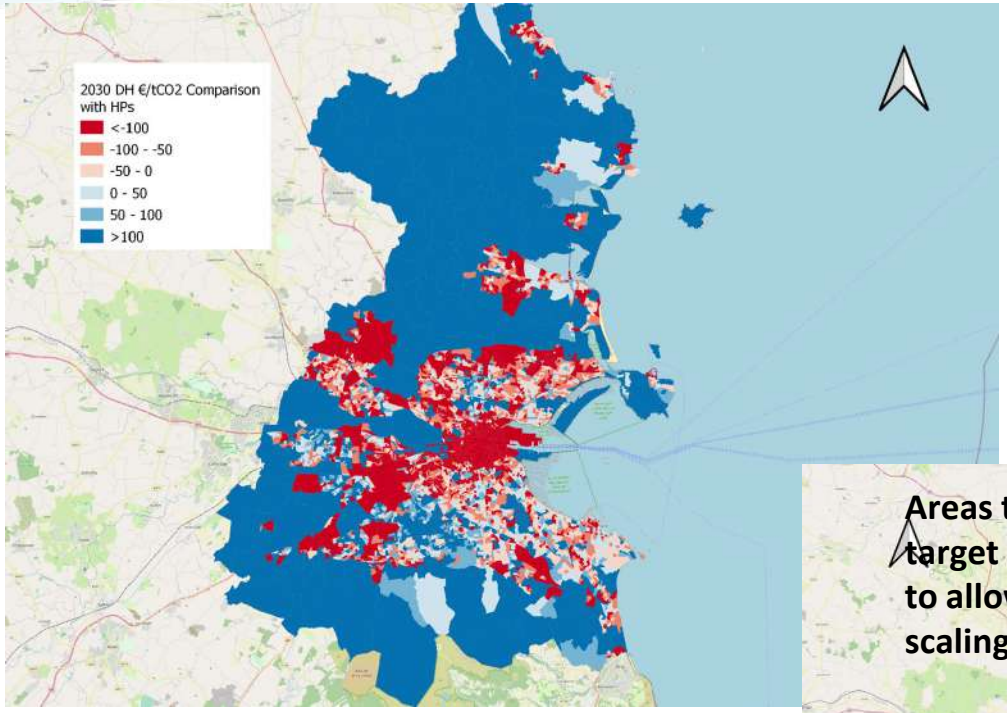
Car-km 50% ↓

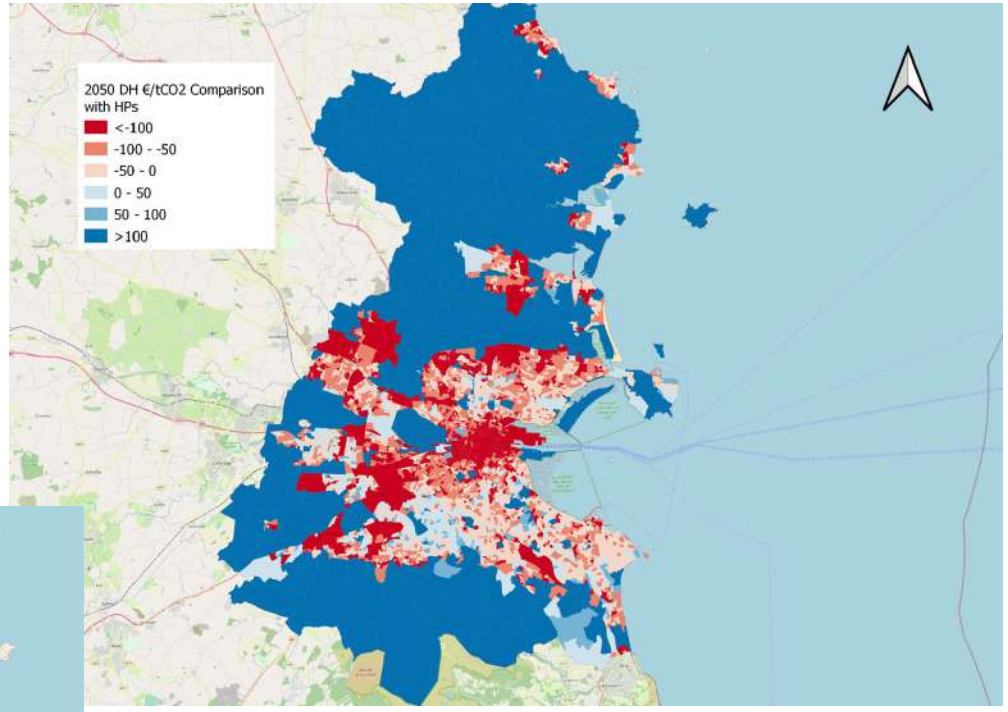
Bus-km 50% ↑

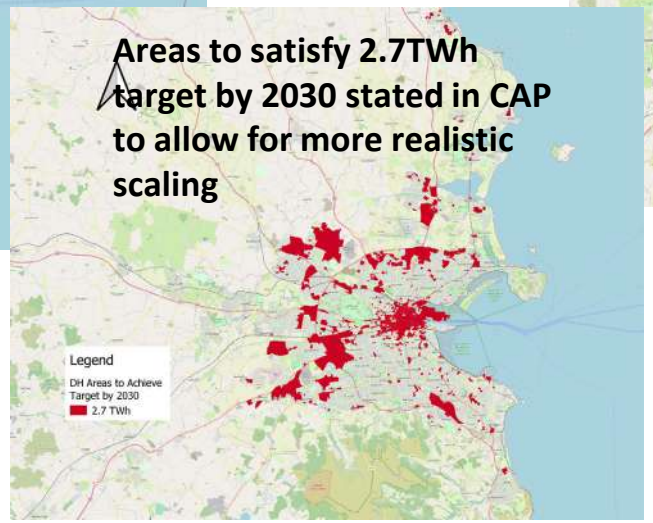
All transport modes electrified

Pathway to 2030 & 2050

Heat

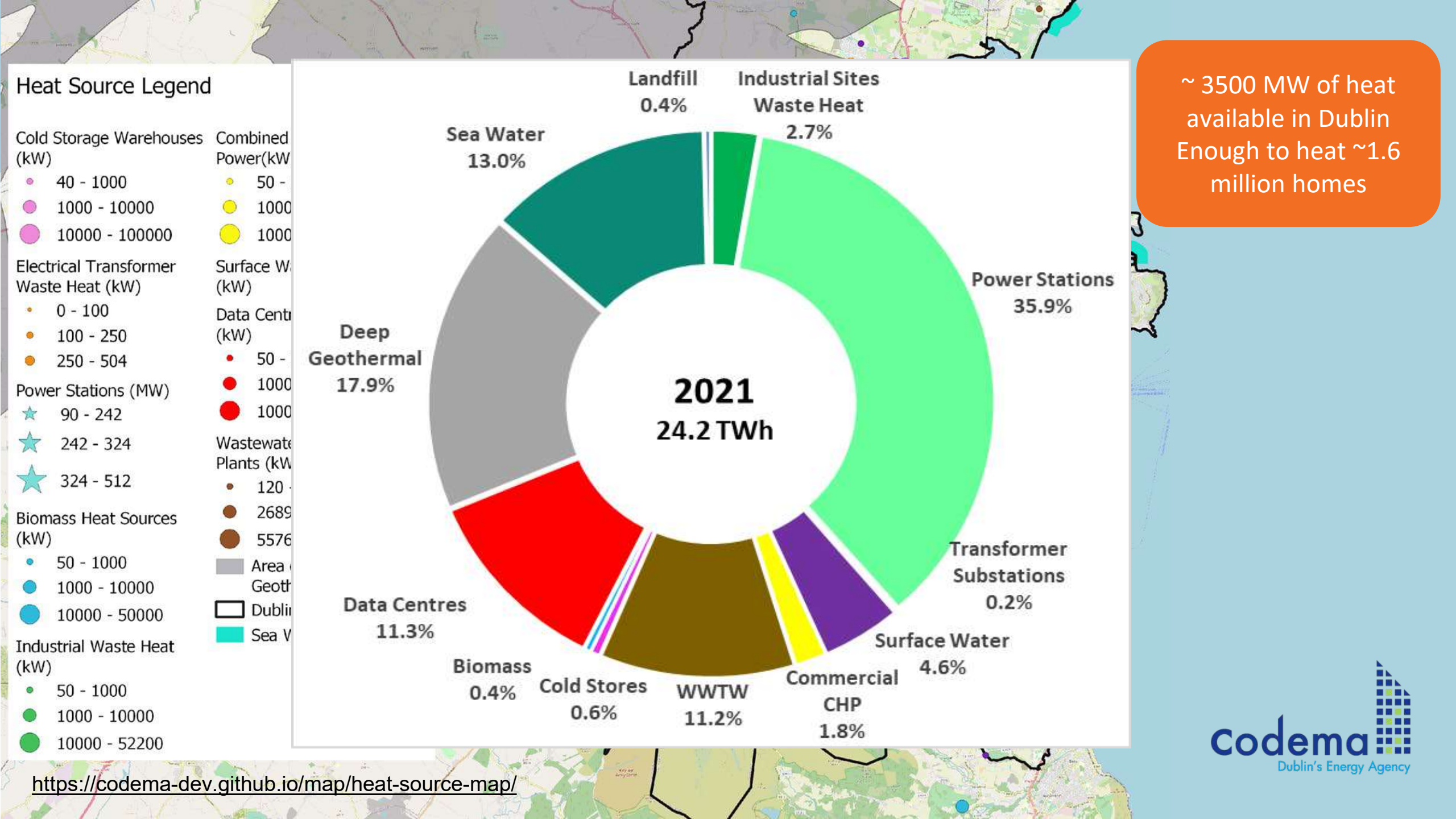






Areas identified as more suited for either DH or HP based €/tCO2

Technology	€/tCO$_2$ Median 2050
District Heating	150.6
Heat Pumps	263.9



~ 3500 MW of heat available in Dublin Enough to heat ~1.6 million homes

https://codema-dev.github.io/map/heat-source-map/

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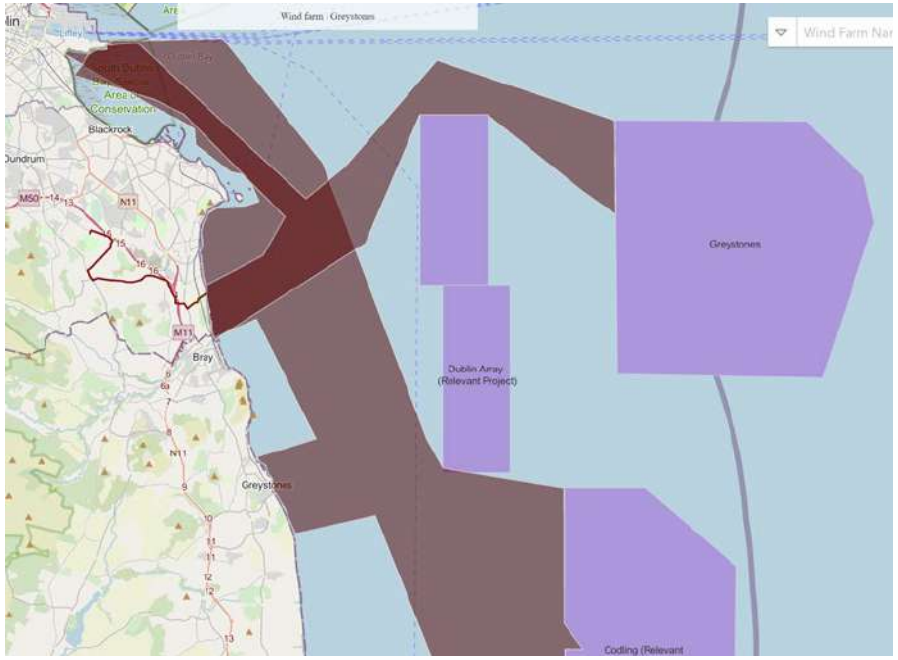
Electricity

Technology	GWh		tCO_2 Saved	
	2030	2050	2030	2050
Utility-Scale Solar PV	854	1,057	277,124	343,036
Onshore Wind	130	325	42,163	105,572
Offshore Wind	5,241	13,124	1,700,768	4,258,600
Building-Integrated Solar PV	84	270	27,237	87,763
Curtailment Assumed Avoided by EV+DH	462	2,421	149,892	785,551
Total	**6,309**	**14,776**	**2,047,292**	**4,794,972**

Technology	€/MWh	€/tCO_2 Abated
Offshore Wind	65.6	-55.0
Onshore Wind	52.9	-94.0
Utility-Scale Solar PV	50.6	-101.1
Closed-Cycle Gas Turbine	97.8	N/A
Open-Cycle Gas Turbine @ 500 hours	228.9	N/A
Open-Cycle Gas Turbine @ 2000 hours	157.6	N/A
Building-Integrated Solar PV	131.1	147.0
Current Generation Mix (2019)	83.4	N/A



Social & Economic Impacts

Social and economic benefits from the Dublin Region Energy Masterplan:

- Health Benefits - **Improvement in Local Air Pollution and Air Quality**
- **Local employment generated** (direct & indirect)
- **Avoided Carbon Costs** - Cost of Carbon (Shadow price)
- **Reduction in Energy Bills** for Residents & Businesses
- **Warmer Homes**
- **Reduction of Fuel Poverty**
- **Reduced reliance on Fuel Imports**

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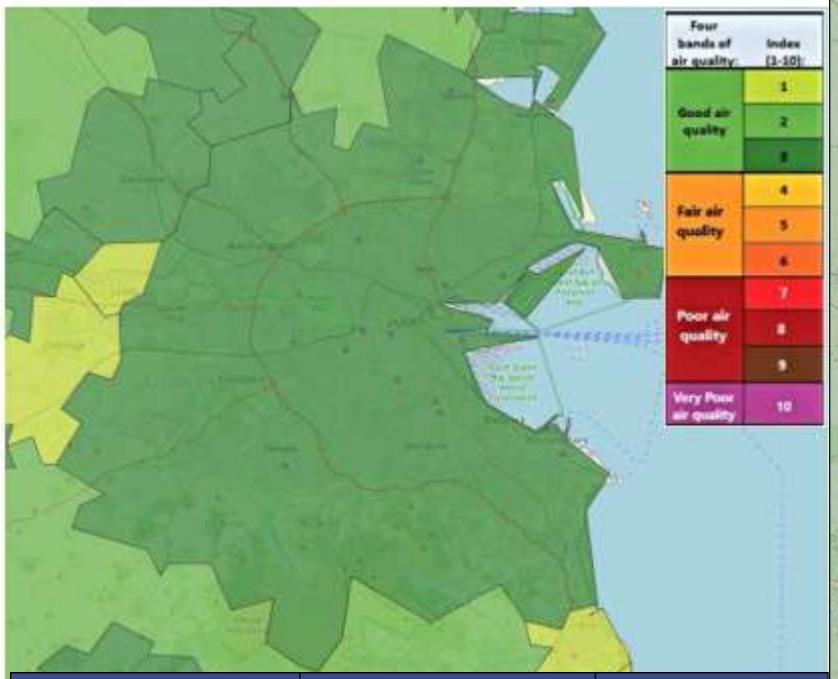

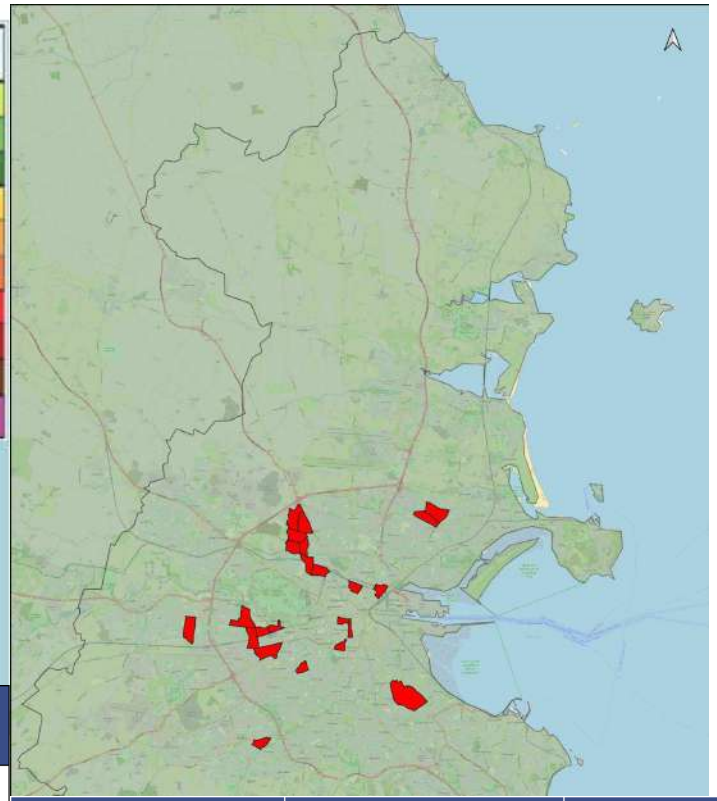

	Reduction in $ktCO_2$ by 2030	Reduction in $ktCO_2$ by 2050
Electricity/ Renewable Energy Generation & Storage	2,047	4,795
Heating/ Low Carbon Technologies/ Building Fabric Upgrades	1,212	1,783
Transport	844	1,662
Total	**4,103**	**8,240**

Technology	Increase in RE Potential by 2050 GWh	tCO_2 Saved by 2050	Reduction in Energy Costs in €
Onshore Wind	267	86,569	8,357,100
Offshore Wind	10,761	3,492,052	336,819,300
Utility Scale Solar PV	1,057	343,036	138,784,100
Building Integrated Solar PV	270	87,763	35,451,000
Total	**12,355**	**4,009,420**	**519,411,500**

- **Decrease energy costs by a total of €519 million** per year from **renewable energy technologies** (onshore and offshore wind, utility scale solar PV and building integrated solar PV)
- **Avoid a cost of over €24 billion**, if we were to apply the shadow price of carbon to the total avoided emissions over the lifetime of the masterplan
- Increase **direct jobs by over 182,500 by 2050**

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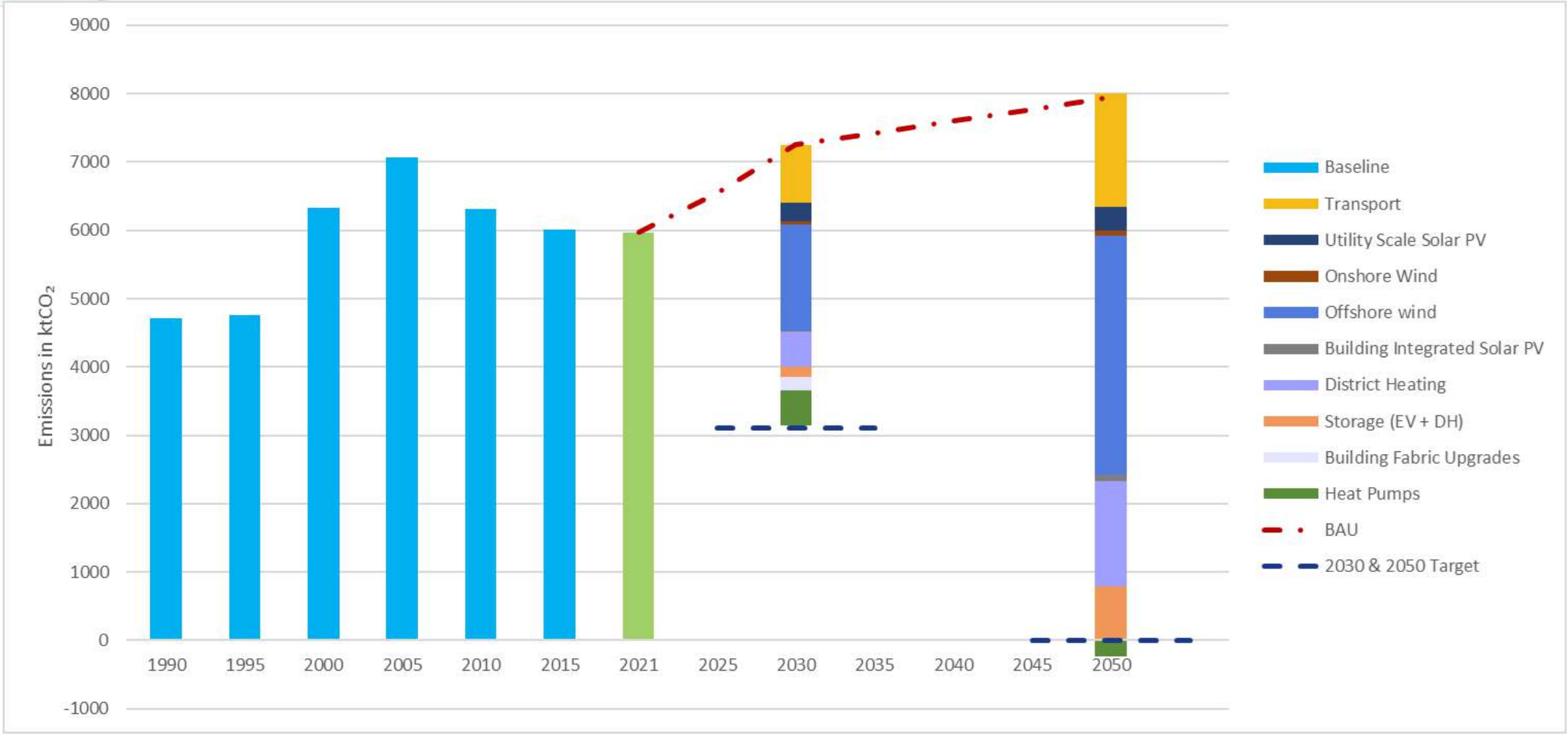

Pathway to 2030 & 2050

If the Dublin Region were to carry out all the suggested recommendations, it could potentially:

- reduce emissions by **4,103 $ktCO_2$ by the year 2030**
- reduce emissions by **8,240 $ktCO_2$ by 2050**
- increase **renewable electricity** generation in the Dublin Region to **14,780 GWh** by 2050.
- **meet the 2030 targets** and **exceed the 2050 target**, going beyond net-zero emissions and becoming **net-exporter of energy** (-295 $ktCO_2$) by 2050
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Pathway to 2030 & 2050

If the Dublin Region were to carry out all the suggested recommendations, it could potentially:

- Create a healthier city and county with more comfortable homes, cleaner air, quieter streets with more space for nature and people

Key Recommendations

Energy Planning

- **Guidelines for local level energy planning are made available** to municipalities
- **Energy planning becomes a requirement** for implementing local level energy plans with clear pathways and long-term commitments to a low-carbon future

Building Energy Efficiency

- To alleviate energy poverty, the county should consider **prioritising energy efficiency upgrades in areas that have been identified in this masterplan as being energy poor**.
- **Regulatory solutions to tackle the issue of split incentives** should be considered, minimum energy efficiency standards for rented properties are applied; funding mechanisms for energy efficiency upgrades, particularly addressing long payback periods and high upfront costs in both the residential and non-residential sector, need to be addressed.

Key Recommendations

Heat

- Evidence-based **zoning for DH** and having requirements in place for buildings in these areas re: connection, futureproofing, characterising heat sources (waste heat reports)
- **Ensure low-carbon heat sources are treated fairly in Part L building regulations** (in line with REDII)
- Make **financial support more easily available** for these low-carbon solutions

Electricity

- **Support the development of generation assets** where suitable
- Development of **enabling infrastructure** needs to be supported to realise renewable potential
- Promote the adoption of **building integrated PV particularly in buildings where demand and production profiles match**

Transport

- Electrifying 550k existing cars will not fix Dublin's transport problems - **need to substantially reduce no. of cars and distance travelled by cars**
- **Focus on active travel and buses** - additional powers required for LAs to reallocate road space to more sustainable modes, enforcement of traffic regulations required

Think Global, Act Local

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Spatially-led cost-optimal pathways to 2030 and 2050 targets

Zero Together

Outlines actions that must be invested & implemented every year to 2050 and engage all stakeholders required to make that transition.

Implementation of projects at scale

Low-carbon Projects to bundle and deliver large-scale investments required

What is Zero Together?

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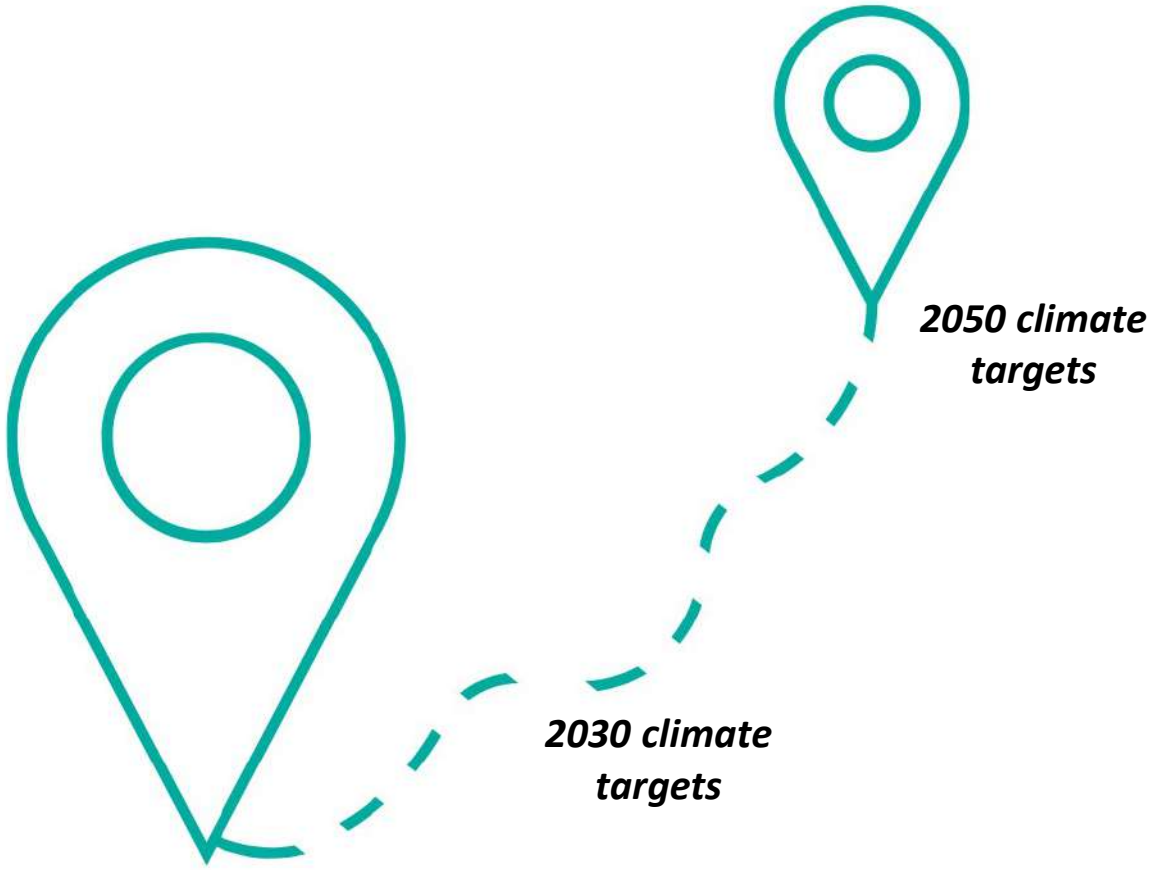
Towards a cleaner, healthier Dublin



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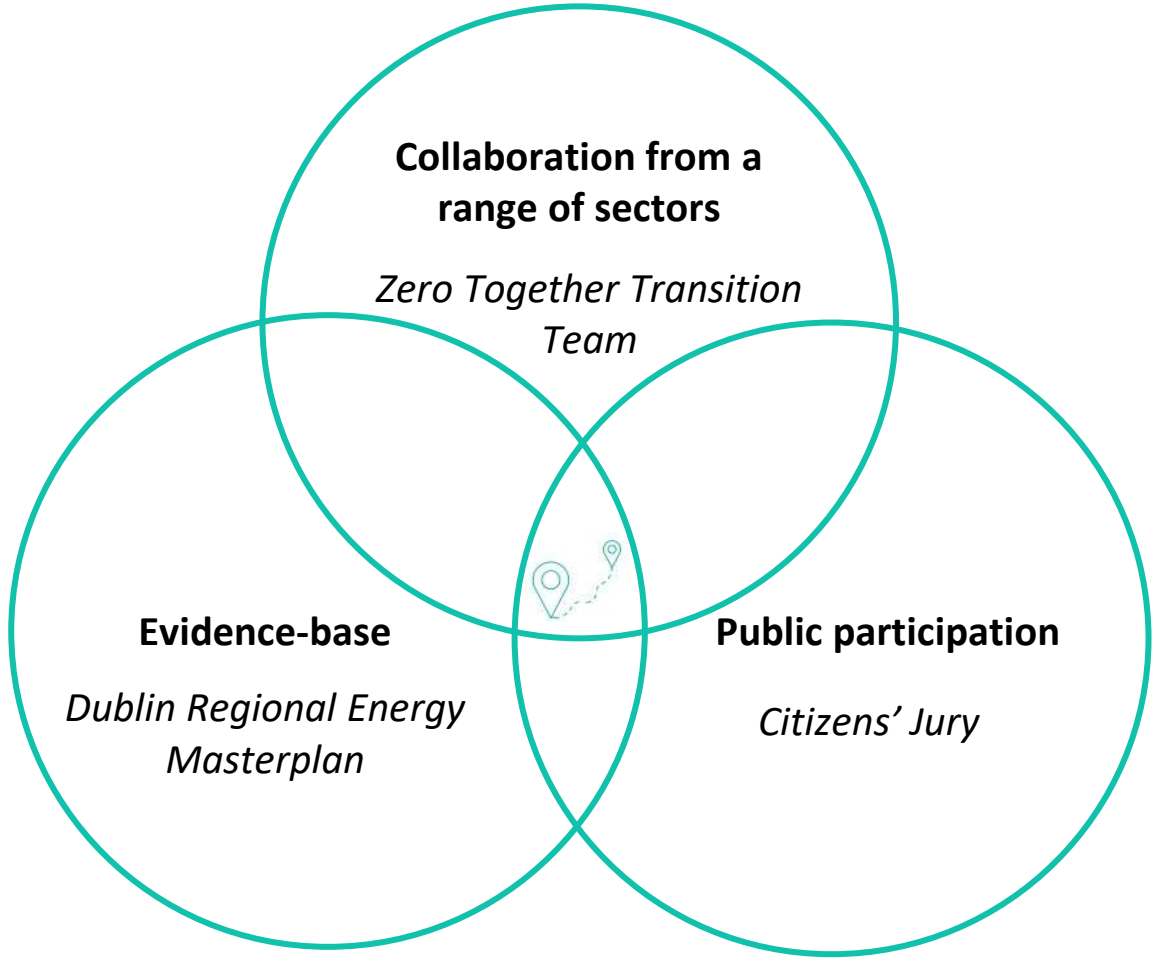

Key Takeaways

- Dublin has the potential to achieve its 2030 and 2050 targets
- This could result in avoided societal costs of €24 billion
- Active travel is the most cost effective way to decarbonise transport and can bring transformative societal benefits for Dublin
- Codema will follow up with each DLA team individually to go through the DREM pathways

Novel Approach - Need to work together!

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Websites:

- Our maps - https://codema-dev.github.io/
- Our network - https://energy-modelling-ireland.github.io/

Scripts:

- Building stock model based on DEAP - https://github.com/codema-dev/rc-building-model
- Reproducible Python scripts used in creating the maps on codema-dev.github.io - https://github.com/codema-dev/projects

Apps:

- Dublin Energy App - https://github.com/codema-dev/dublin-energy-app
- Irish Building Stock Generator - https://github.com/energy-modelling-ireland/ibsg

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