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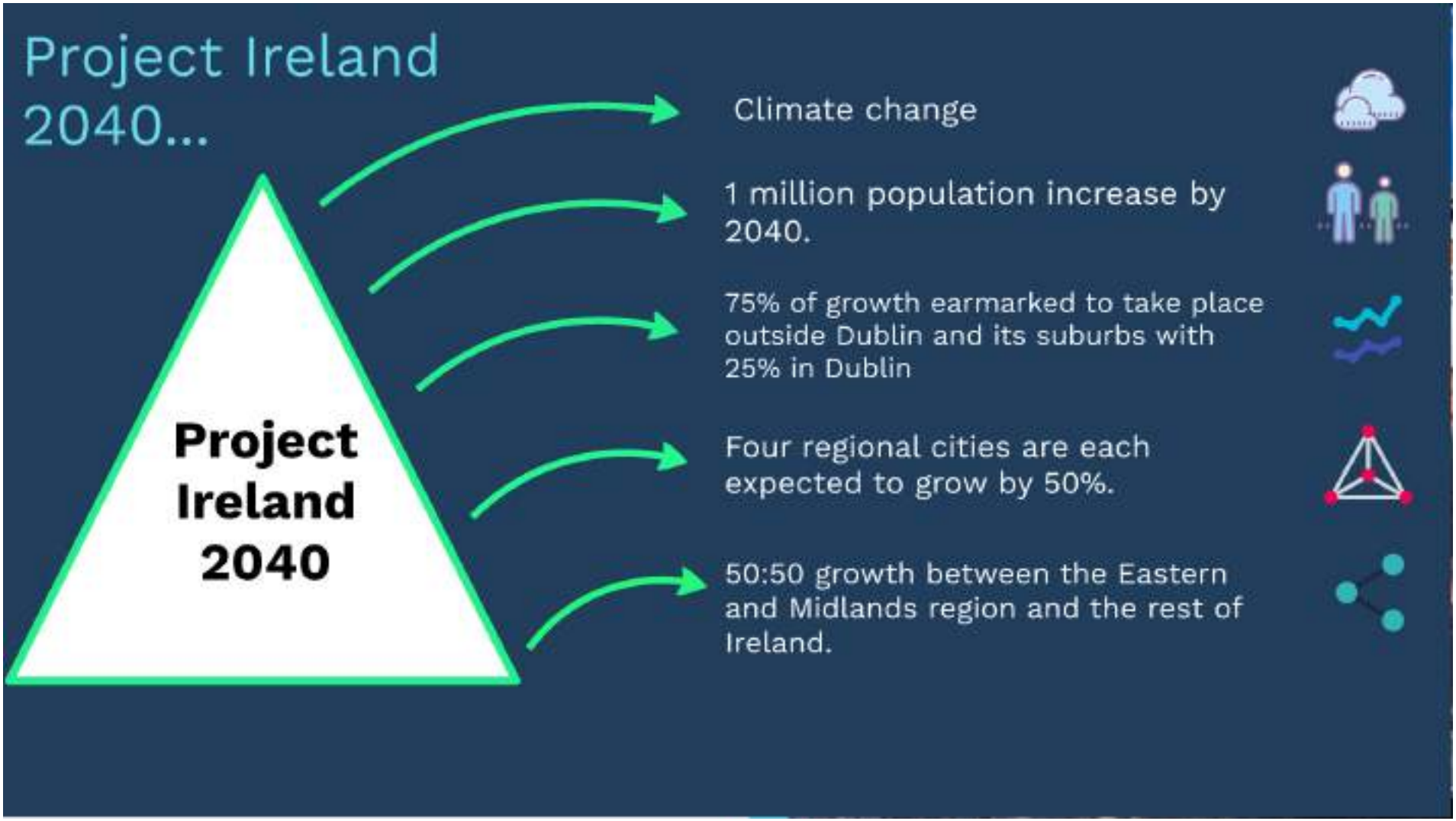
Project Ireland 2040...
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Climate change
1 million population increase by 2040.
75% of growth earmarked to take place outside Dublin and its suburbs with 25% in Dublin
Four regional cities are each expected to grow by 50%.
50:50 growth between the Eastern and Midlands region and the rest of Ireland.

Case Study (Mid-West)

Challenges

- From Q3'15 to Q3'19:

- Rent for a 1 bed apartment in Limerick increased by 74% (an additional €4,700 per year)
- For a 4 bed house it increased 67% or an additional €6,300 per year

- 4,500 additional full-time students in Limerick by 2024

- Mid-West Demographics increase by 2036:
  - 19 to 35, +20,000
  - Over 65s, +50,000
  - Over 85, +12,000
  - Aging population with increased life expectancy
  - 31.7% of the population over 65 years of age

- Social housing waiting list for Limerick is 50.2% single people

Opportunities

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Quality of life, opportunity, affordability

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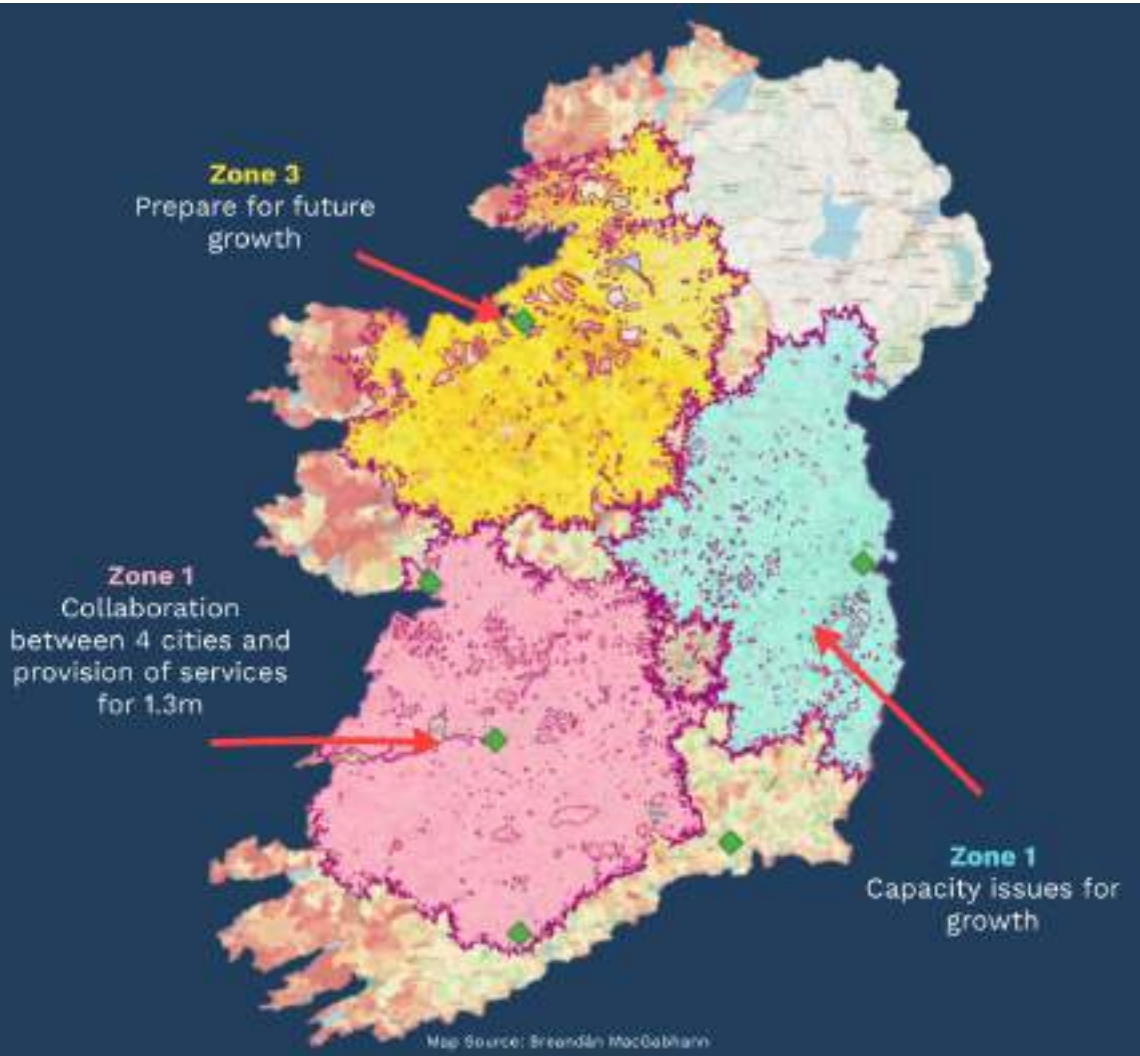
Tri-region area...

- Civil/public service + private sector flexibility
- Regional growth
- New centres of gravity for provision of services
- New neighbourhoods
- Equality in provision of public services
- Dublin quality improved



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Transit Orientated Development, Greener & healthier travel

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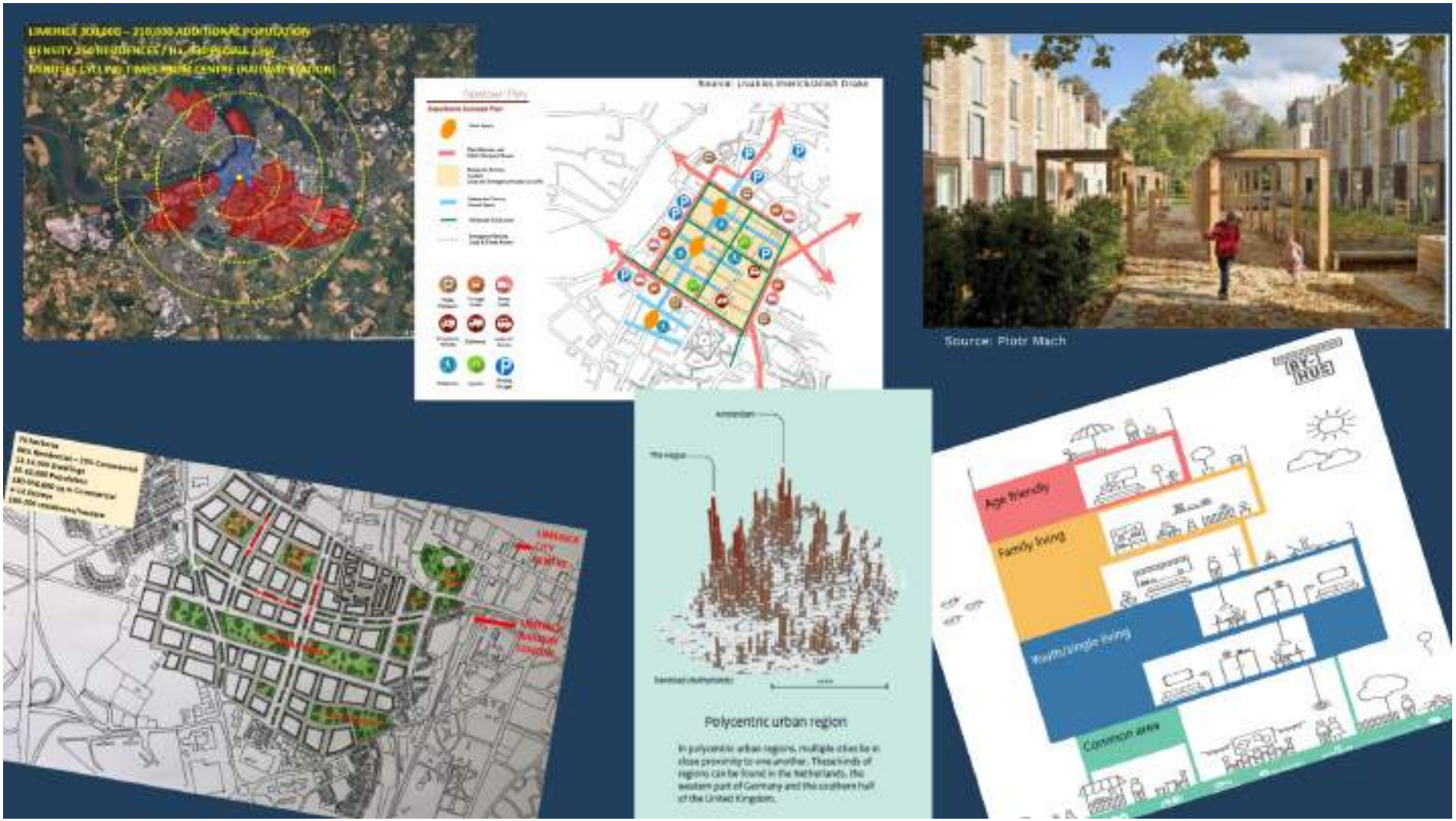
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Polycentric urban region
Age friendly
Family living
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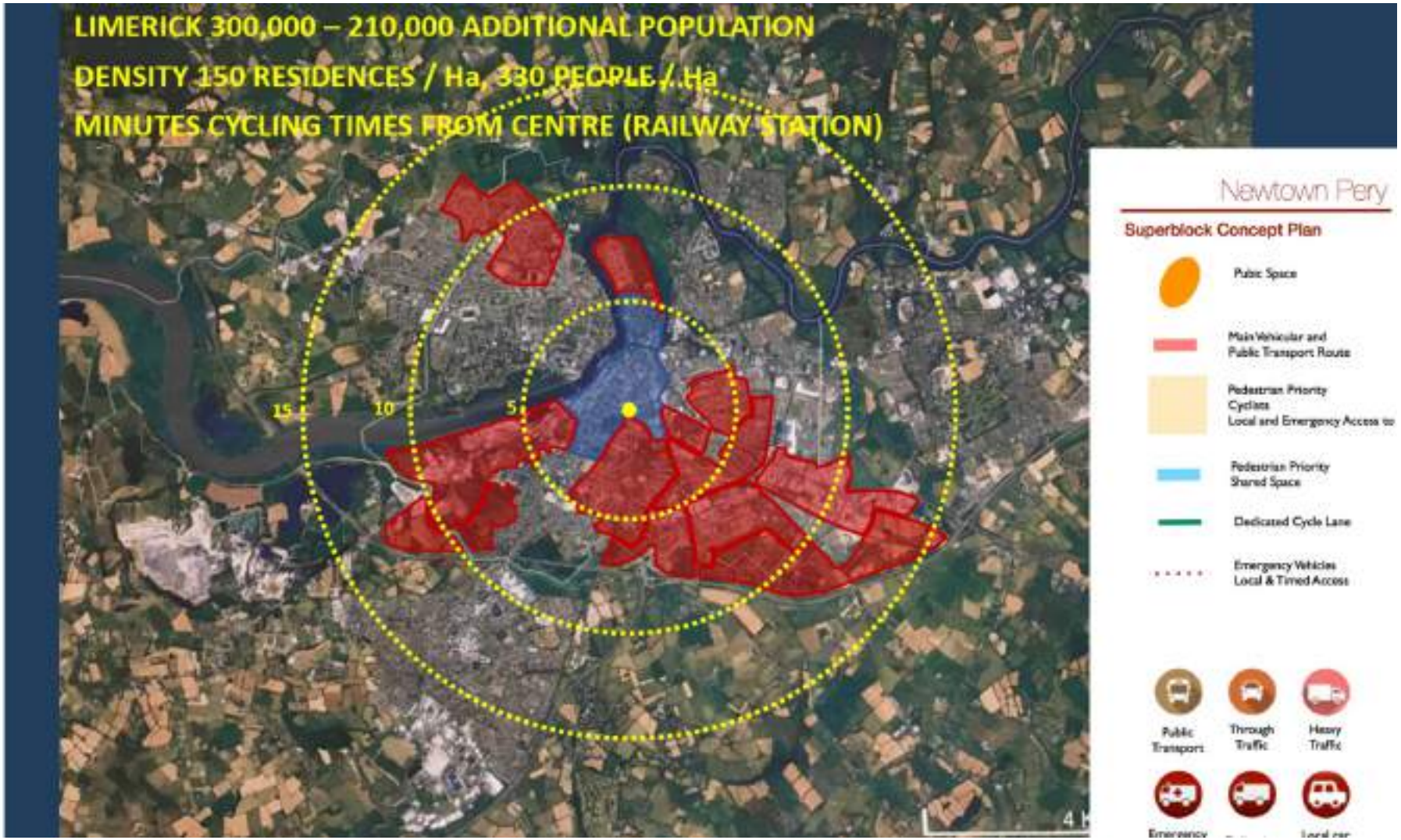
Common area


LIMERICK 300,000 – 210,000 ADDITIONAL POPULATION
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MINUTES CYCLING TIMES FROM CENTRE (RAILWAY STATION)
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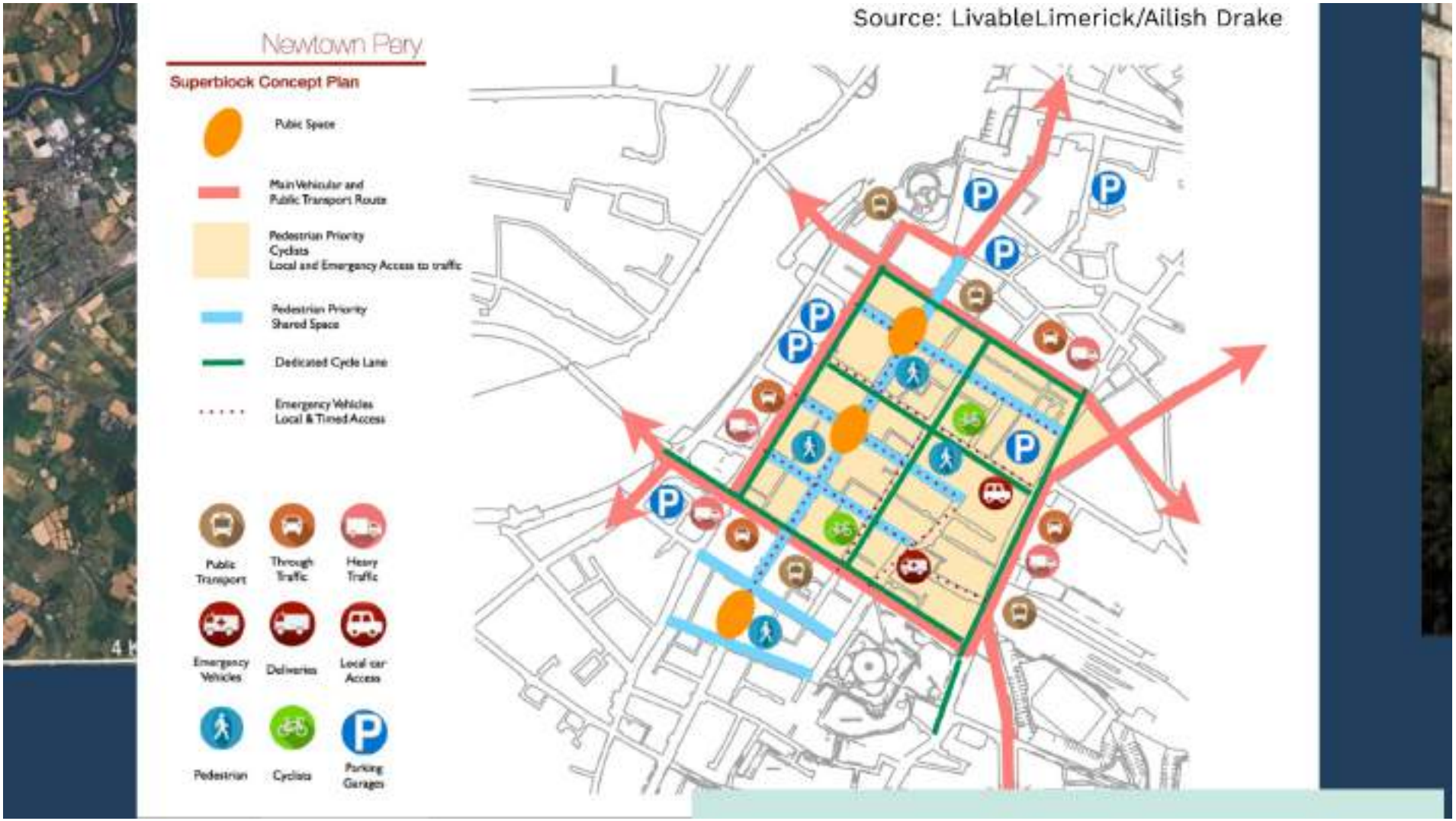
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70 hectares
80% Residential – 20% Commercial
11-14,000 Dwellings
26-32,000 Population
280-350,000 sq m Commercial
4-12 Storeys
160-200 residences/hectare
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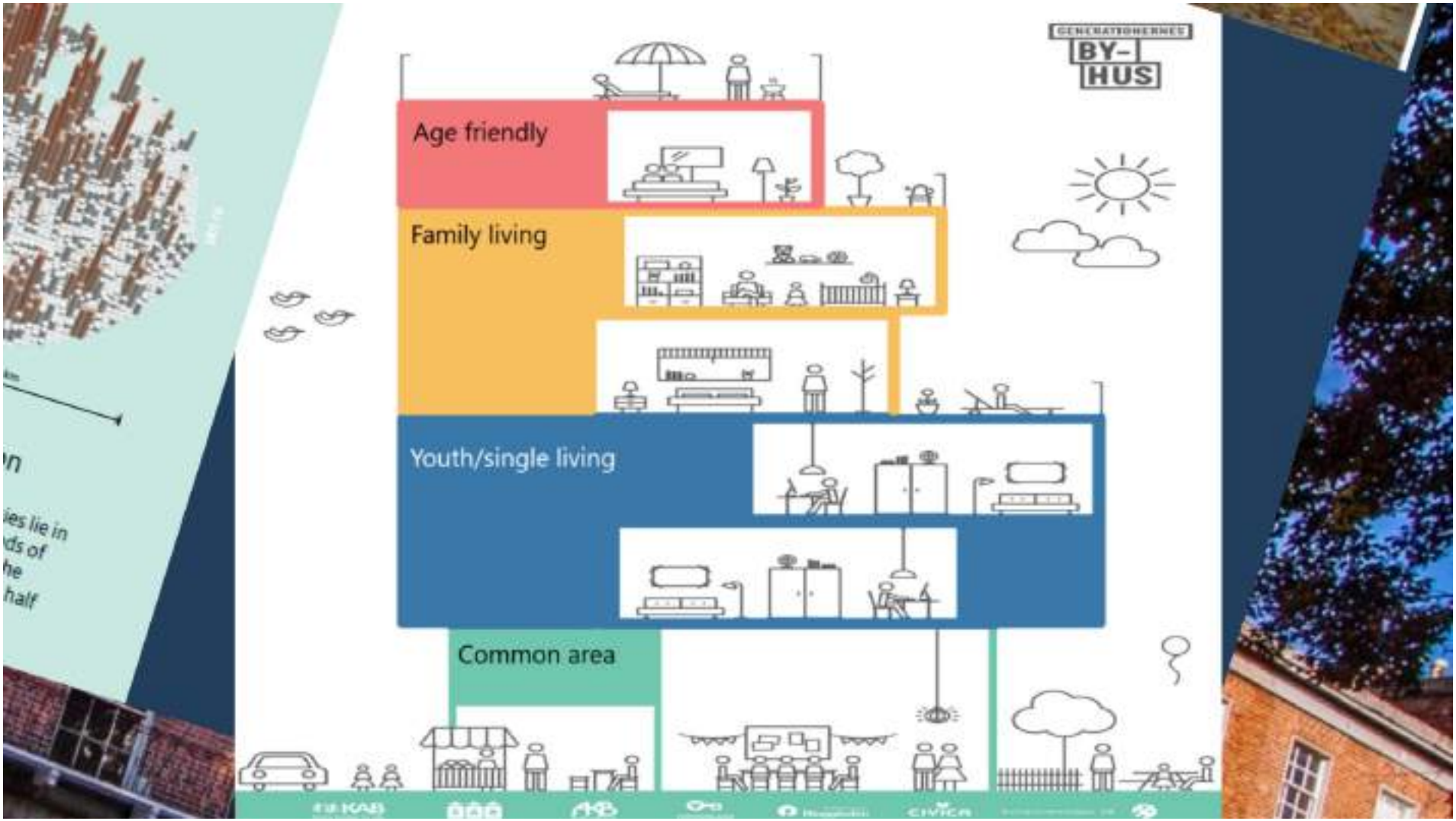
CENTRAL PARK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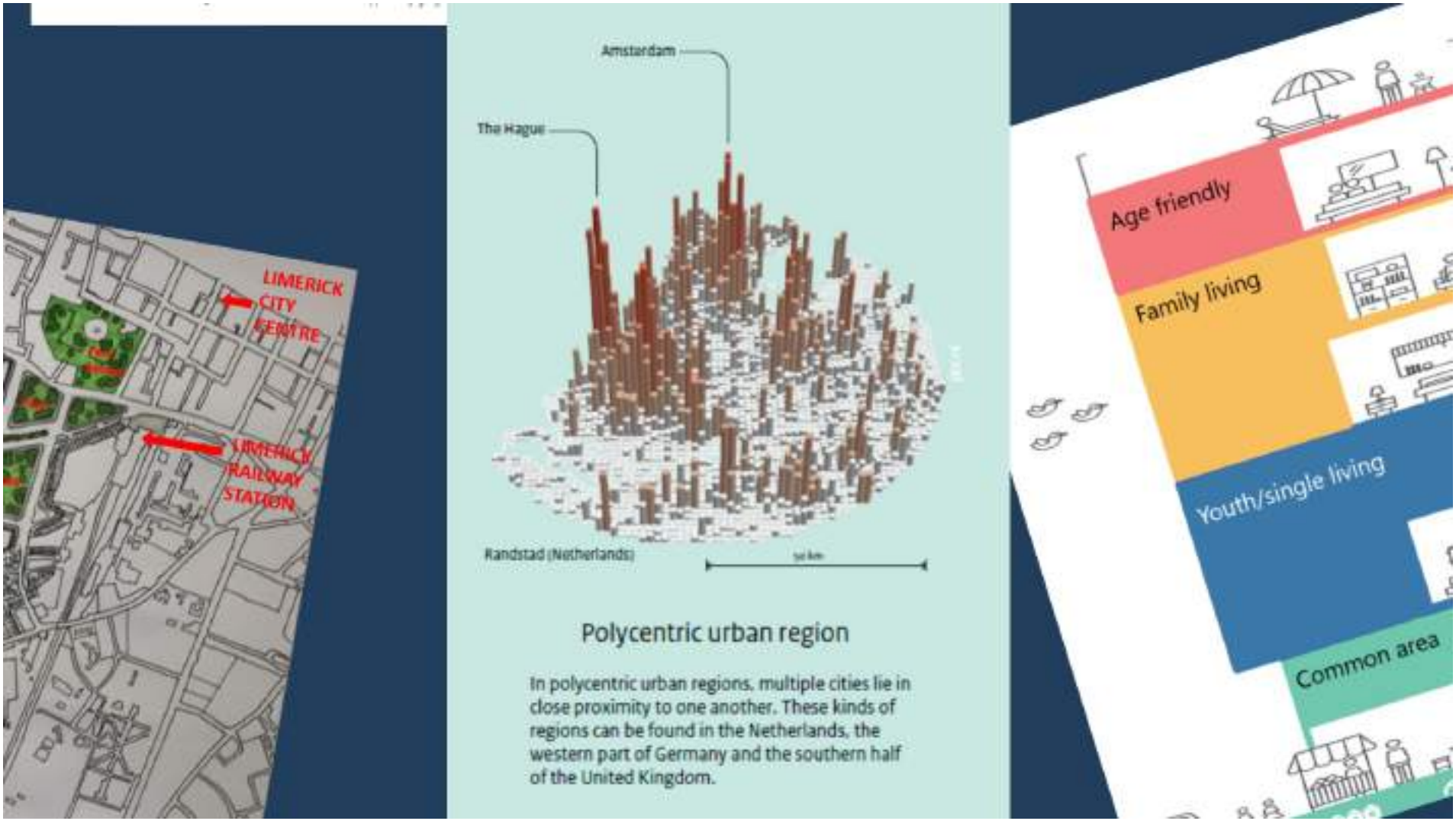
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Amsterdam
The Hague
Randstad (Netherlands)
Polycentric urban region
In polycentric urban regions, multiple cities lie in close proximity to one another. These kinds of regions can be found in the Netherlands, the western part of Germany and the southern half of the United Kingdom.
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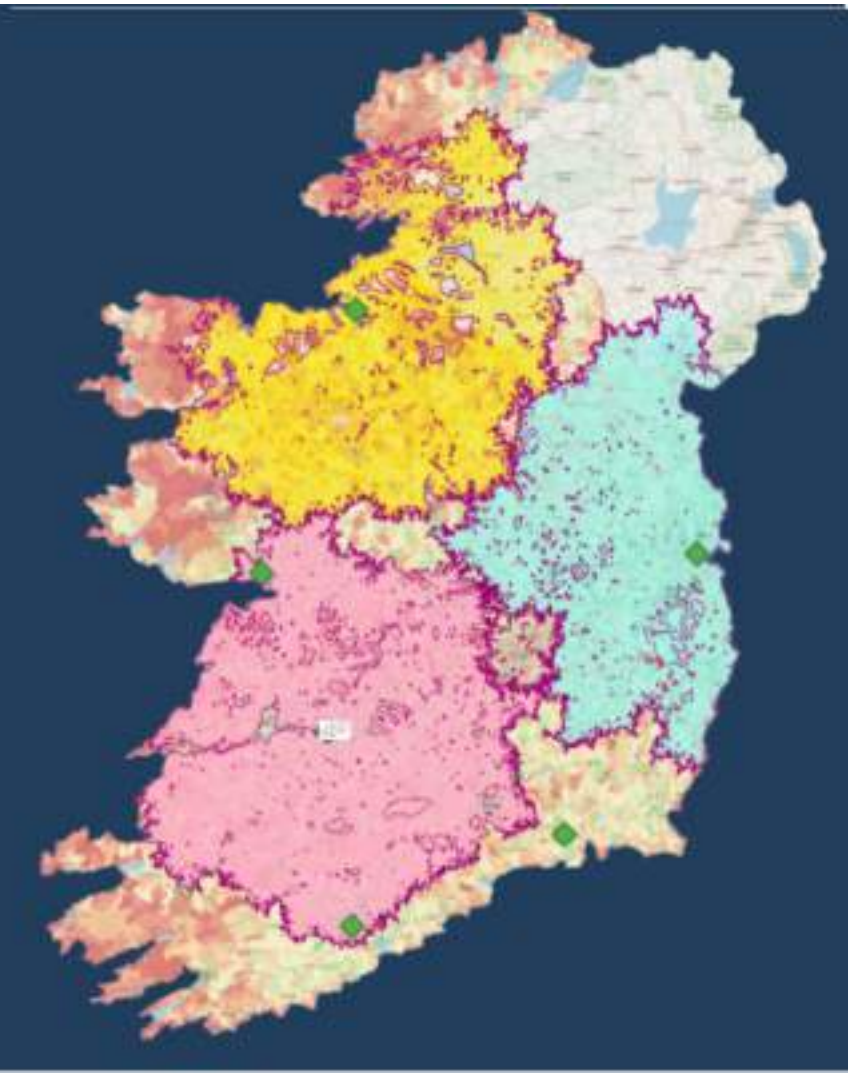
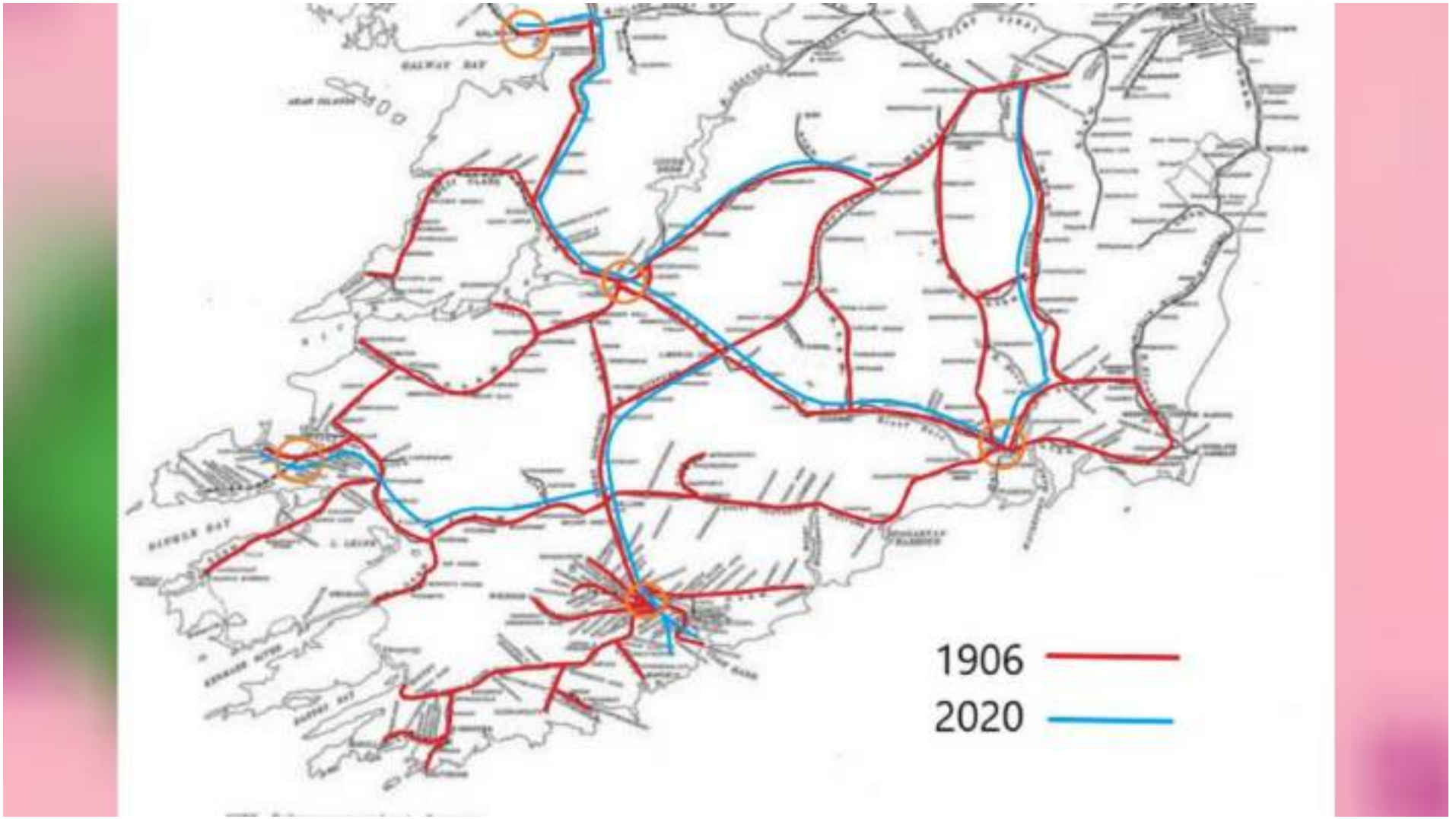
Polycentric...

- Regional cities working together to achieve PI 2040 growth

- Population of 1.3m+
- Urban living (Reverse doughnut effect)
- Superior city connections
- Limerick as COE for healthcare?
- Galway for media?
- Cork for education?
- Waterford for science?

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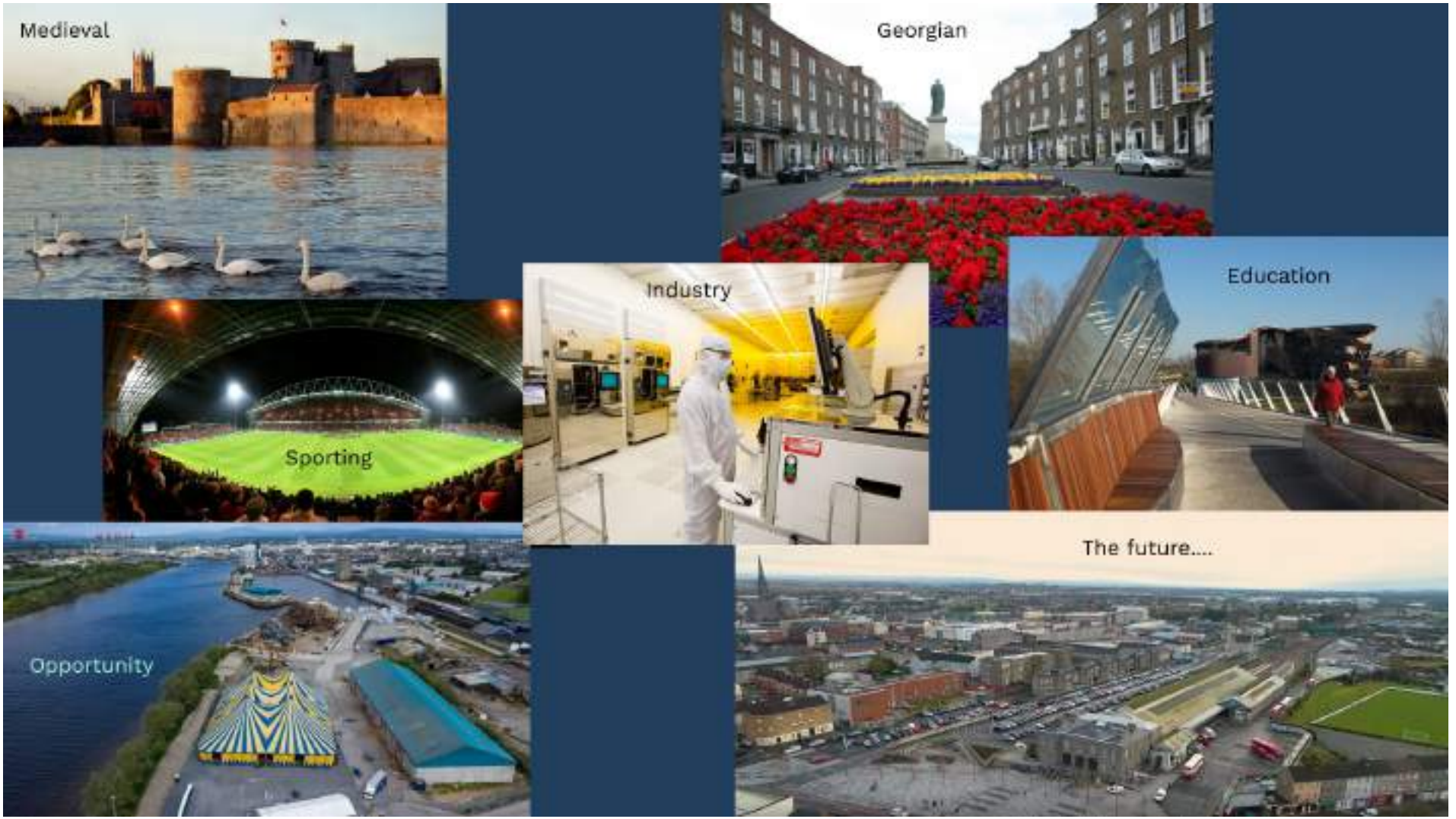
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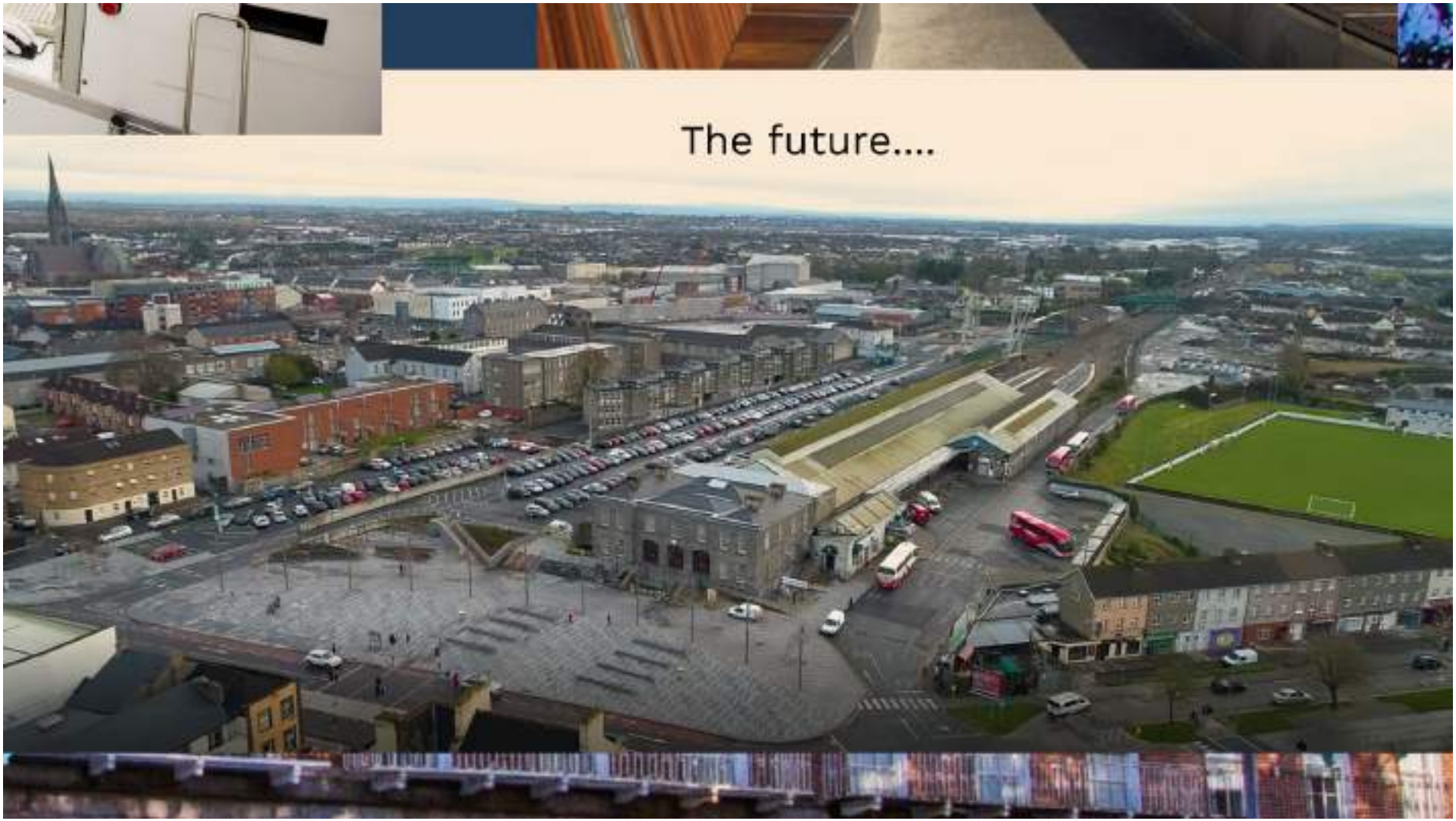
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