

NRA National Roads Conference 2014

NRA Policy on Provision of Service Areas

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Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **NRA Service Areas**
- **Policy Context**
- **Needs Analysis**
- **Consultation Process**
- **NRA Service Area Policy**

Introduction : What is a Service Area?

- **Two types of Service Area (NRA TA 70/14):**
 - **Type 1 Service Area (Full Service Area)**
 - **Type 2 Service Area (Rest Area)**
- **On-Line and Off-Line facilities**

Introduction : On-Line Service Area – Type 1



- Security Fencing
- Car Forecourt
- Car parking
- Coach parking
- Garda Enforcement Area
- ADR parking
- HGV Forecourt
- Electric car charging
- Air and Water
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic Area
- Amenity Building:**
 - Travel and Tourist
 - Toilet Areas
 - Showers
 - Baby Changing
 - Wi-Fi
 - Restaurant
 - Convenience Shop

M1 Lusk Southbound, 24th May 2011

Introduction : Off-Line Service Area



Introduction : On-Line Service Area - Type 2 (Rest Area)



*Example from Sweden –
None in Ireland.*

Introduction: Why do we need a Policy?

- **Rest**
 - **Fatigue - 1 in 10 have fallen asleep while driving, commercial vehicle drivers twice as likely to do so – RSA.**
 - **15 – 20% of all accidents are fatigue related.**
- **Access to fuel and food**
- **Workplace for HGV drivers**
- **Secure parking**

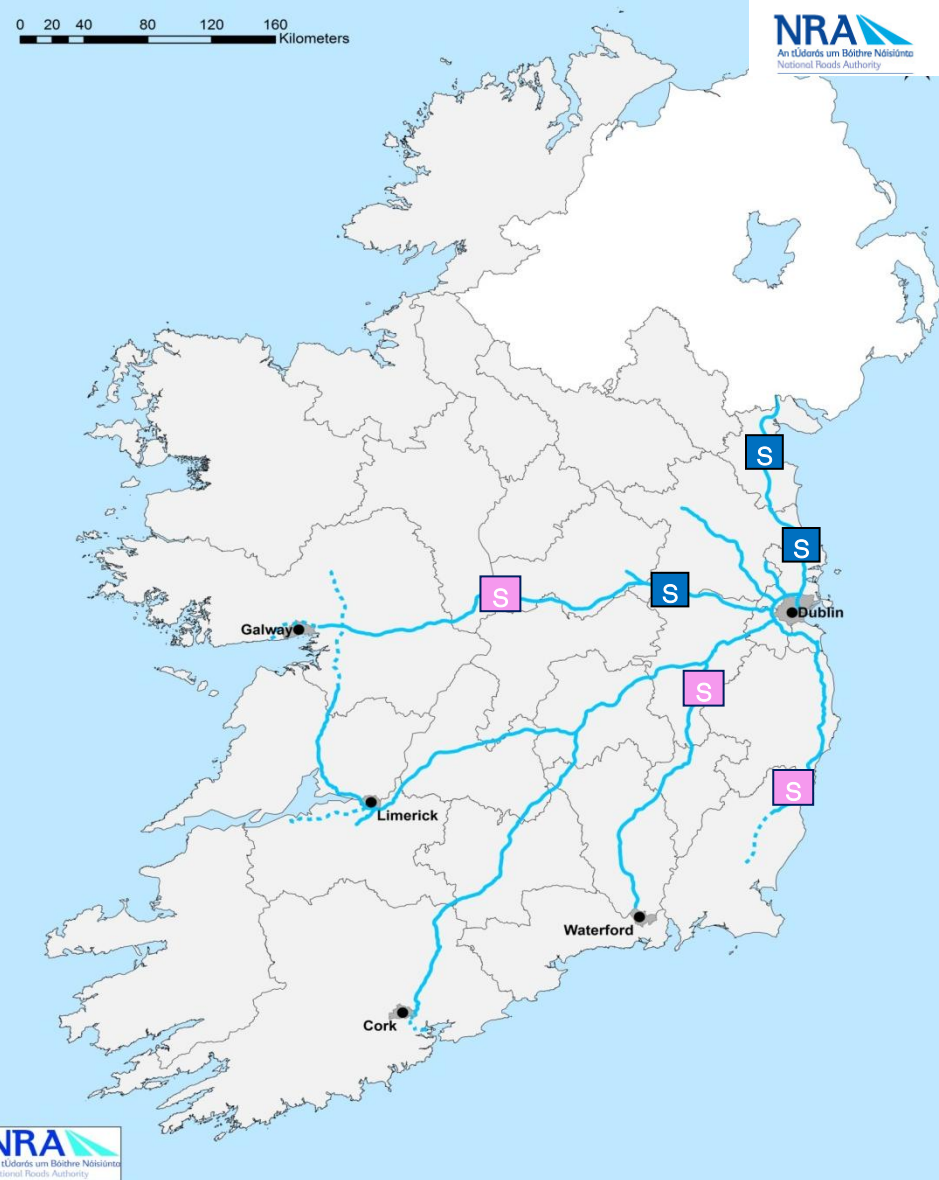
NRA Service Areas

- **Tranche 1 (two sided)** S

- Lusk
- Castlebellingham
- Enfield

- **Tranche 2 (one sided)** S

- Kilcullen
- Athlone
- Gorey

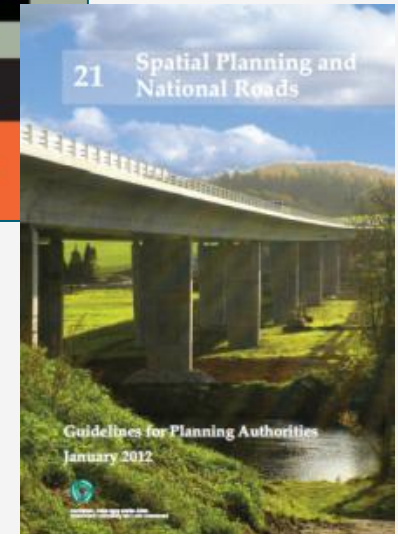
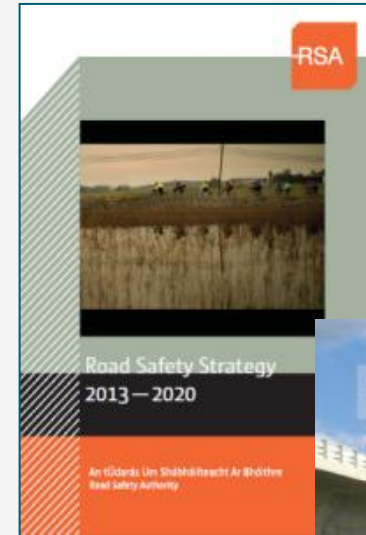


Policy Context - European

- **Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T)**
 - Responsibility on Member States
 - Rest areas approx every 100km on the Core Network
 - In line with the needs of society
- **Driving Time & Rest Periods**
 - Sets breaks times and rest periods for drivers
- **Road Infrastructure Safety Management**
 - Rest areas to be included in safety appraisal
- **Intelligent Transport Systems**
 - Information on safe and secure parking

Policy Context - National

- **Road Safety Strategy**
 - Fatigue may account for 15-20% of all road traffic collisions
 - 5 new Service Areas by 2020
- **Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines**
 - On-line Motorway Service Areas
 - Off-line Motorway Service Areas at National Road Junctions
 - Roadside Service Facilities at Non-Motorway National Roads and Junctions



Policy Context - Scope

- **Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines**
 - Remain in place
 - Provides National policy
- **NRA Service Area Policy (August 2014)**
 - Sets the NRA's policy
 - Identifies the need for Service Areas
 - Includes locations & types
 - Provides clarity to National guidelines

Needs Analysis

- **Motorway & Dual-Carriageway network**
- **Priority Core network**
- **100 km maximum spacing**
- **Not to be destinations**
- **Full Service Area v Rest Area**
- **Recognise existing facilities**



Consultation Process

- **Key Stakeholders**

- Industry Bodies
- Departments/Agencies
- Developers

- **Public Consultation**

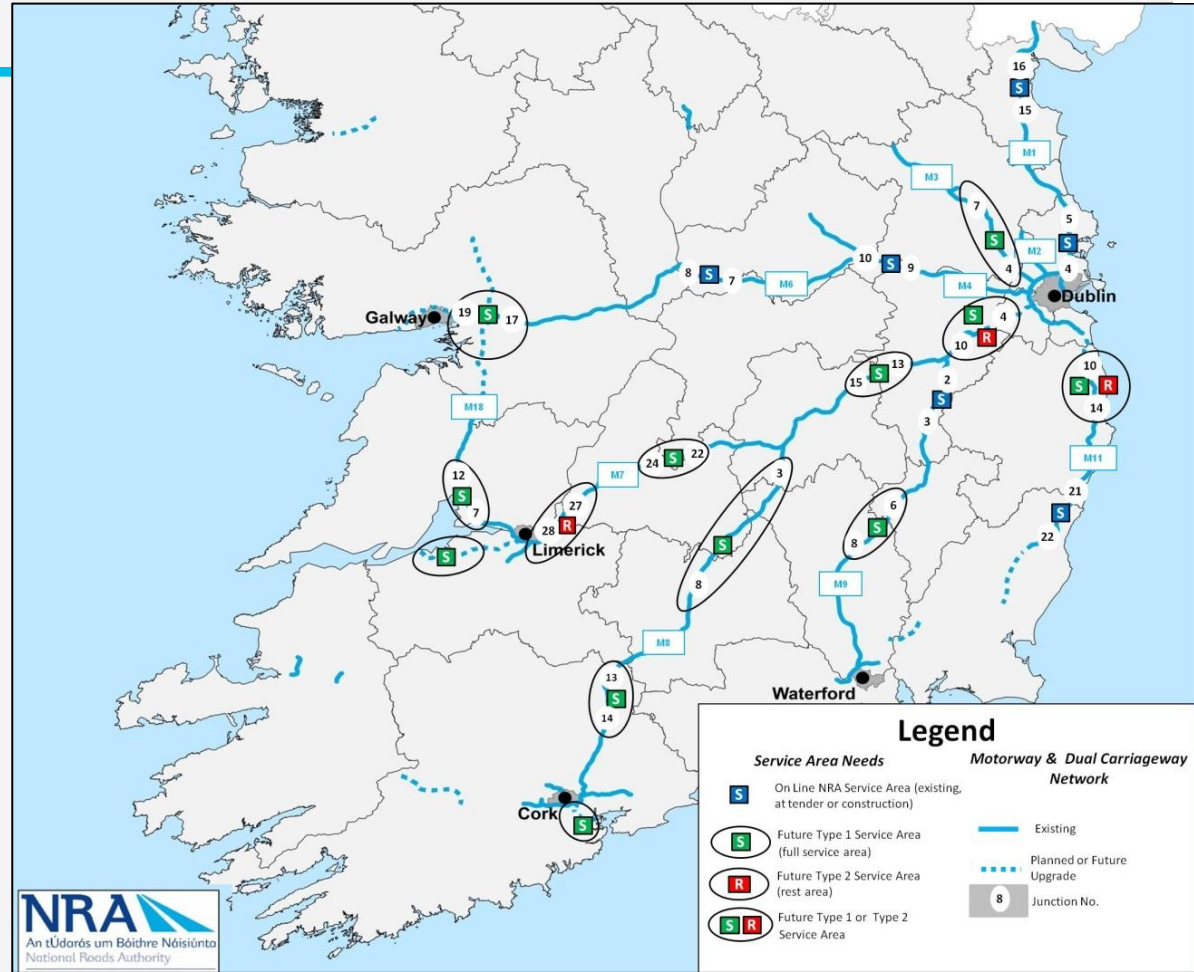
- Published Draft Policy May 2014
- Submissions received
- Significant changes made to policy based on submissions

Consultation Process – Key Themes of Responses

- **Clarity**
- **Scope – public/private sector**
- **Impact on Towns & Villages – ‘Destinations’**
- **Spacing between Service Areas**
- **Proliferation**
- **Prioritisation**
- **Standards**

Locations

- 19 Locations
- Public & Private
- On-Line & Off-Line
- Full & Rest Areas



Locations

| Category | Num | Locations | |
|---|-----------|--|--|
| NRA Type 1 Service Areas Delivered / construction / tender | 6 | Lusk (M1) Enfield (M4) Kilcullen (M9) | Castlebellingham (M1) Athlone (M6) Gorey (M11) |
| Future NRA Type 1 Service Areas | 5 | Clonee-Blundelstown (M3) Sixmilebridge-Ennis (M18) Foynes vicinity (N21/N69) | M6/M17/M18 Rathmorrisey Ringaskiddy (N28) |
| Future Type 1 or Type 2 Service Areas To be decided as part of road upgrade planning | 2 | Rathcoole-Naas North (M7) | Delgany-Cullenmore (M11) |
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| Off-Line Service Areas Currently meeting the needs of road users | 2 | Mayfield (M7) | Moneygall (M7) |
| Off-Line Facilities Existing / with planning with potential to meet the needs of road users | 2 | Birdhill-Castletroy (M7) | Ballacolla-Cashel (M8) |
| Future Off-Line Facilities Potential developments | 2 | Mitchelstown-Fermoy (M8) | Carlow South-Kilkenny (M9) |
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Service Area Policy

- **Published August 2014**
- **Integral part of major roads**
- **Approx every 100 km**
- **Inclusion of Rest Areas**
- **Mixture of public and private**
- **Avoids proliferation**
- **Clarity for developers and planning authorities**

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