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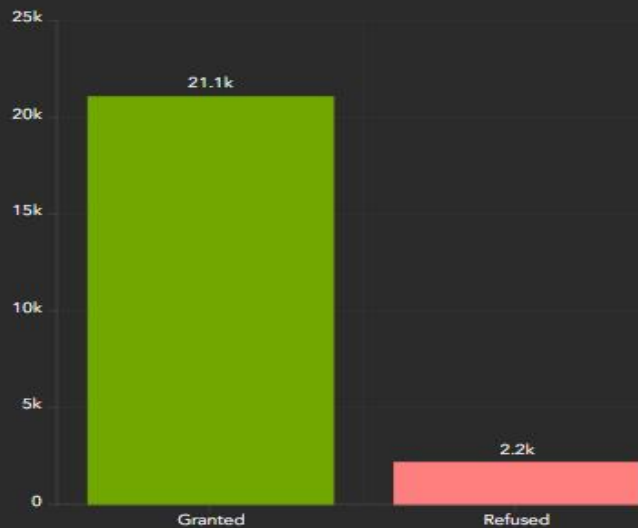


Planning Application - Since 2010

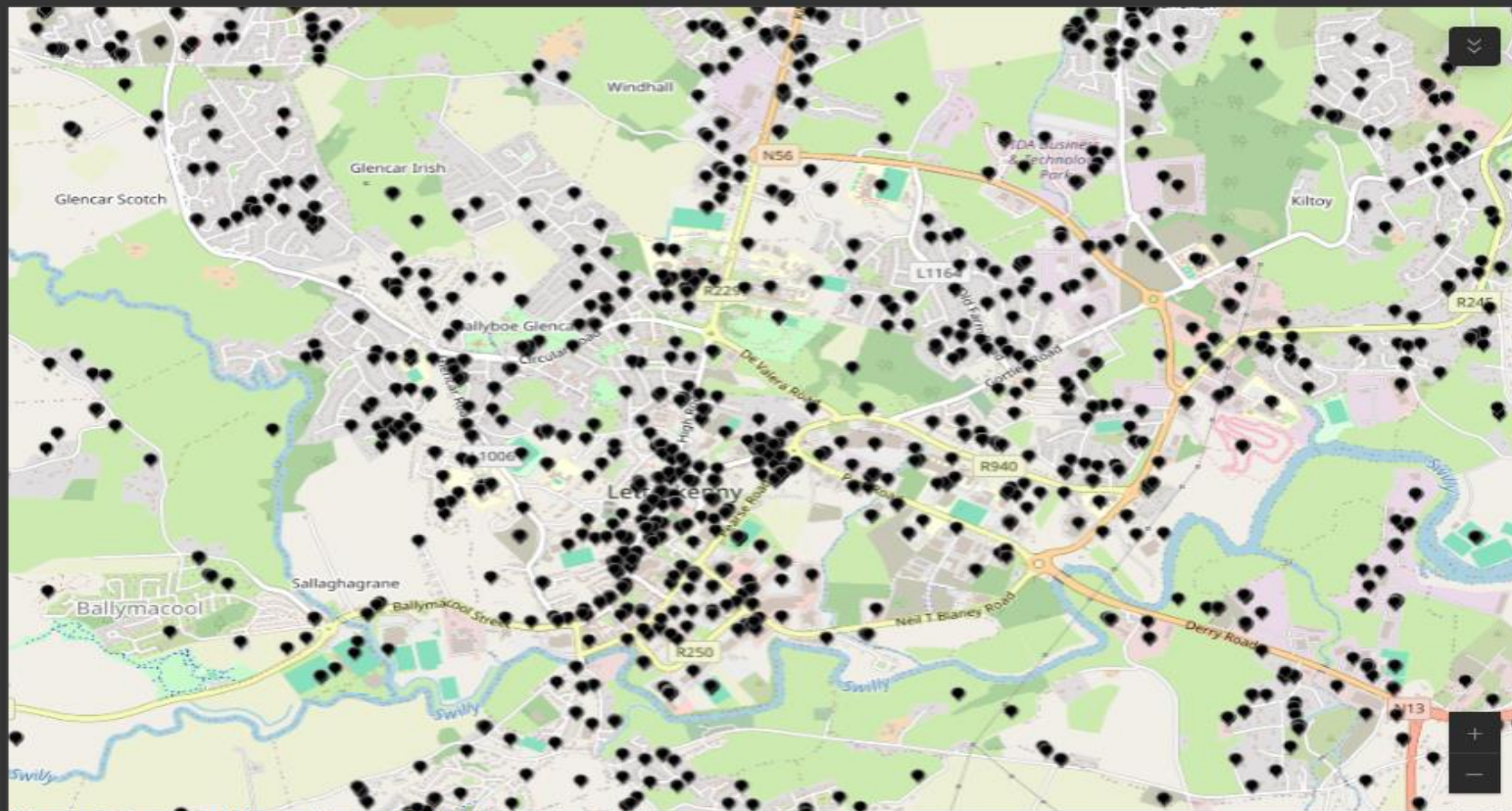
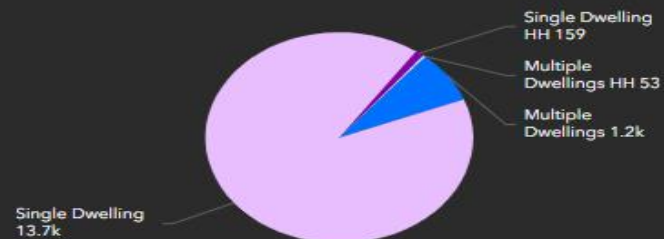


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Decision Status Selector



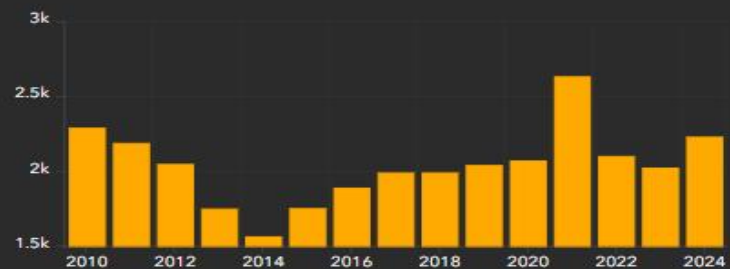
Dwellings Selector



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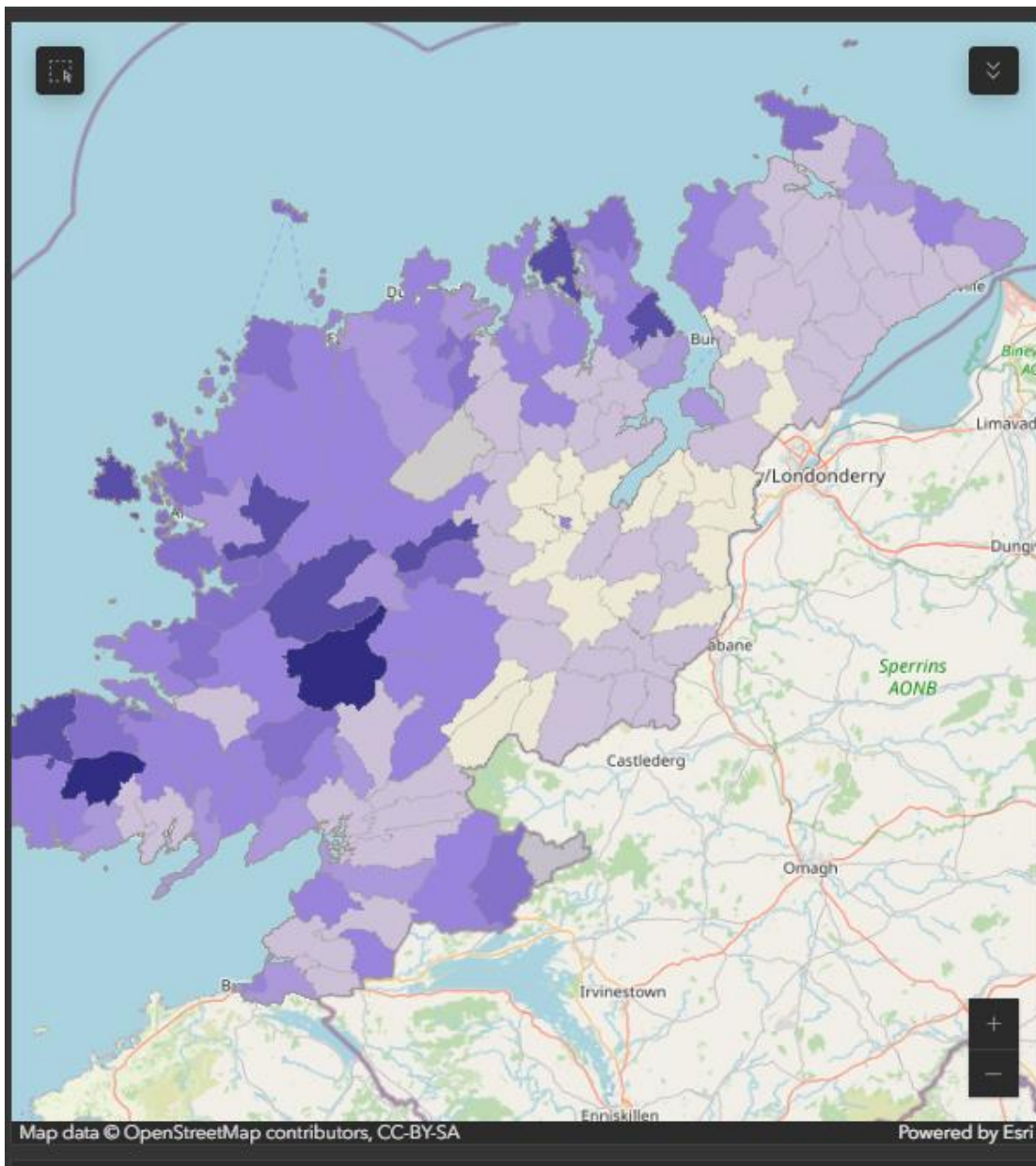
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Year Selector



Selection Total

30,603



Gaeltacht
14.4%
Average Vacancy Rate

Glenties MD
14.1%
Average Vacancy Rate

Inishowen MD
7.9%
Average Vacancy Rate

Lifford - Stranorlar
7%
Average Vacancy Rate

Letterkenny - Milford
9.1%
Average Vacancy Rate

Donegal MD
11.2%
Average Vacancy Rate

County Donegal
8.9%
Average Vacancy Rate

CSO 2023 %Vacancy Donegal by ED

VALUE

- > 21% - 30%
- > 16% - 21%
- > 13% - 16%
- > 10% - 13%

CSO Inforgraphic
further info [here](#)



The potential from vacancy -



Croí Cónaithe Scheme Opportunity from Vacancy

- Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Scheme:
- -1066 applications received
- 751 approved
- €6.5m in grants paid





LETTERKENNY 2040 REGENERATION STRATEGY

Regeneration initiatives in Donegal

- - **20 project areas in towns and villages**
- Approx €40 million committed - €10k to €7.9m
- Project Development to Capital Delivery
- **Letterkenny Urban Regeneration**
- c. €26.3 m associated with the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy
- Land acquisition
- Commercial, public realm & housing elements, urban renewal



Killybegs





Number 34 of 2024

Planning and Development Act 2024



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Exempted Development & EIA Screening Thresholds

Issues Paper

February 2025

“Place-making for how we -
our population- are
changing and living. This is
one of the biggest shared
planning tasks we have
ahead of us across many
sectors.”

Caitriona Mullen, Cross Border Co-operation Specialist
@CaitrionaMullan

Alignment and collaboration

" ... Scarcest resource
in cities is not money
... it is (Public Sector)
CO-ordination "

Abjano Aravena

TedGlobal Oct 14 .

“we are often better served by connecting ideas than we are by protecting them”

"The trick to having good ideas is not to sit around in glorious isolation and try to think big thoughts. The trick is to get more parts on the table."

-Stephen Johnson

2011; Where Good Ideas Come From; Penguin Books

2006; The Ghost Map – A Street: an epidemic and hidden power of urban networks; Penguin Books

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