

Landscape and Landscape Character Assessment of Galway County

Landscape Values Map of Galway County

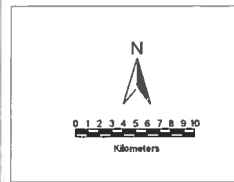
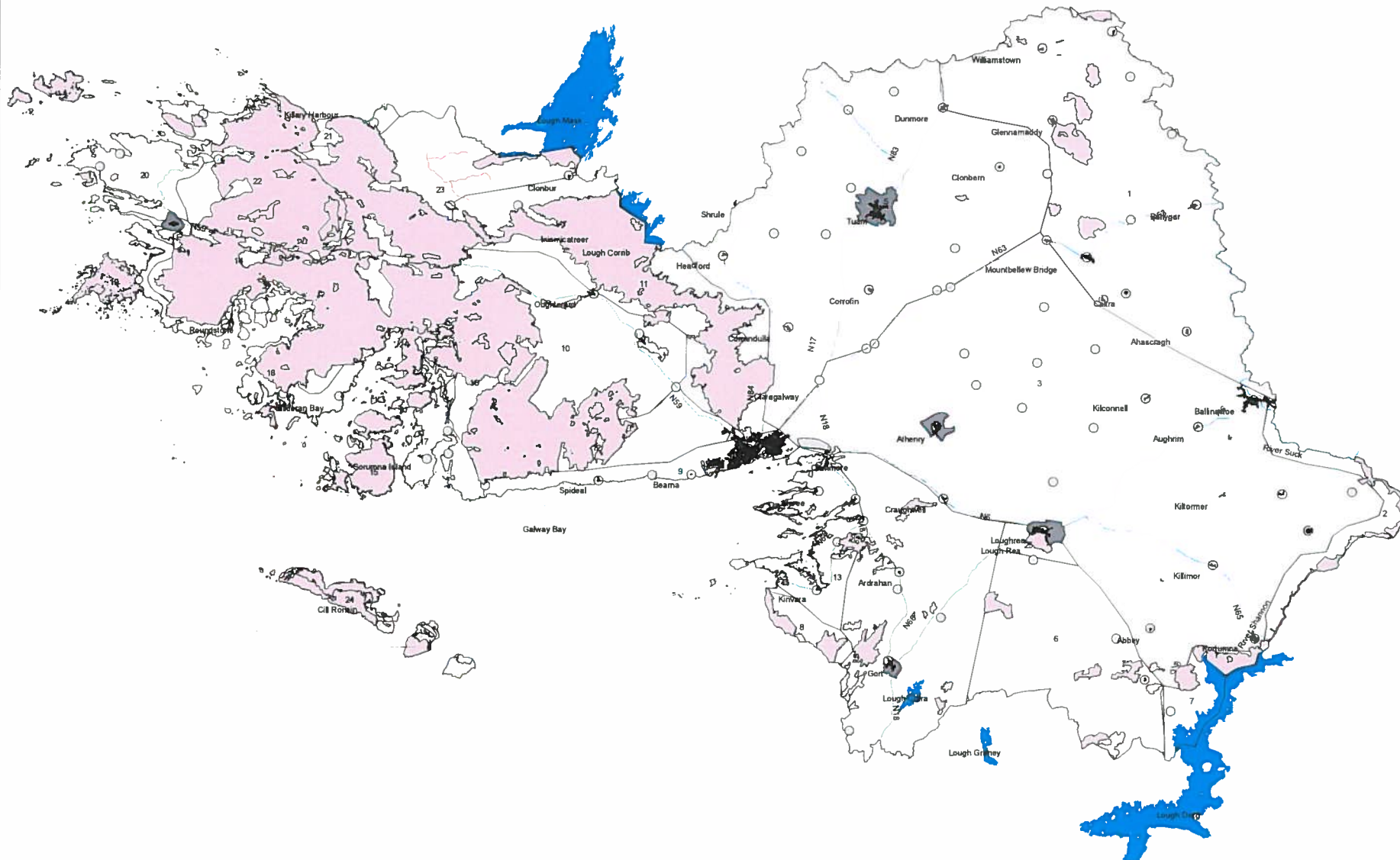
Special areas of Conservation

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- SAC (Special Areas of Conservation)
- Zone of Settlement Potential
- Scheduled Towns
- Urban Areas
- Ridge Lines
- Character Areas
- Rivers
- Lakes
- N Roads

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - North east Galway (Galunusloe to Ballymae)
- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Portumna and Ballinasloe
- 3 - East central Galway (Athenry, Ballinasloe to Portumna)
- 4 - Southeast Galway (Clairbridge to Gort)
- 5 - Northeast Galway (Tuam environs)
- 6 - Slieve Aughty Mountains
- 7 - Northwest Loch Derg
- 8 - Lower Burren (i.e. Galway portion)
- 9 - Inveran to Galway City coastline
- 10 - East Connemara Mountains (Meycedin, Recass to Glensk)
- 11 - Lough Corrib and environs
- 12 - South foothills of east Connemara Mountains (Glencarrin Lough environs)
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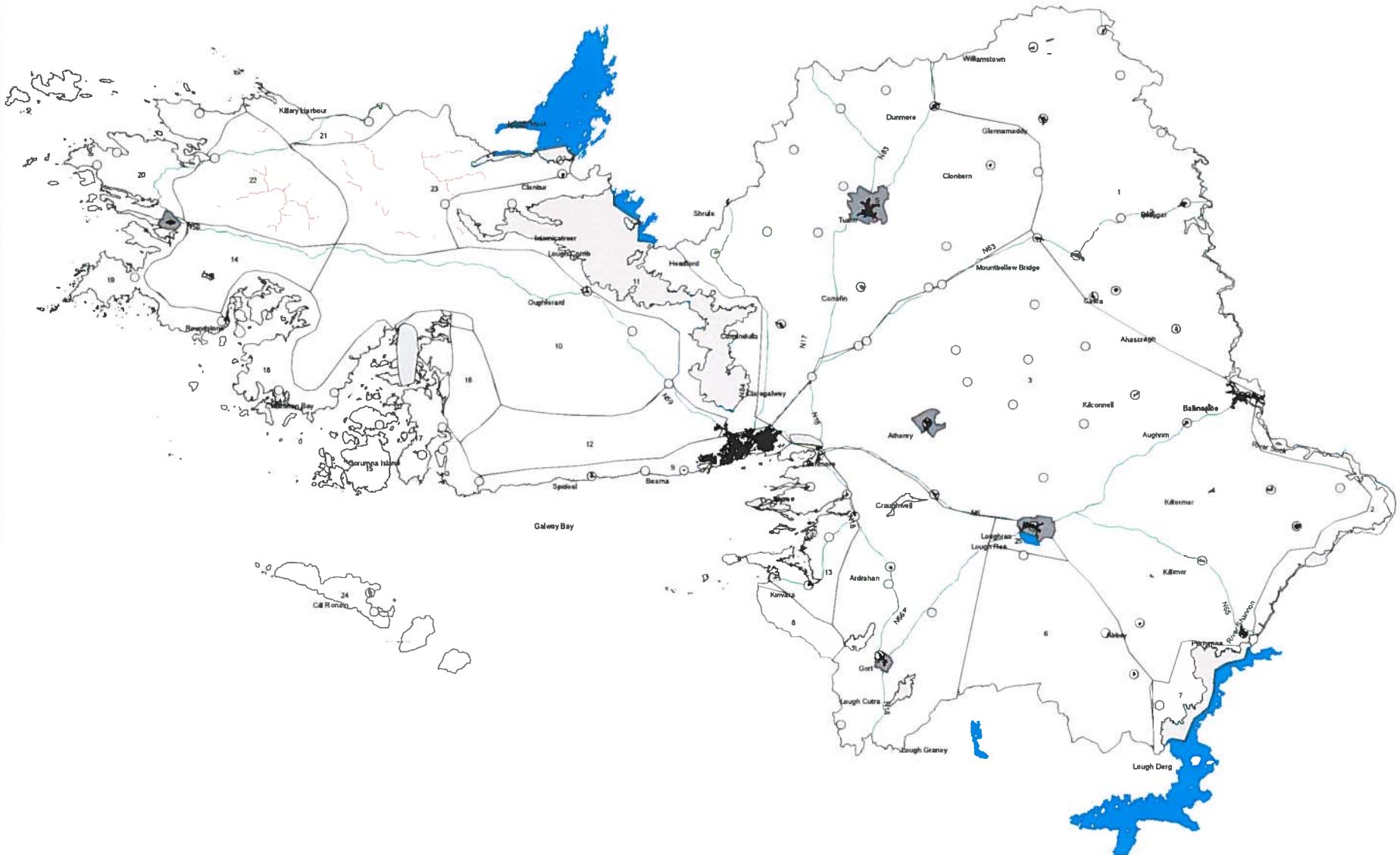
Special Protection Area

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-  Urban Areas
-  Zone of Settlement Potential
-  Scheduled Towns
-  Ridge Lines
-  N Roads
-  Rivers
-  Character Areas
-  Lakes

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - North east Galway (Ballisloe to Ballymee)
- 2 - Shannon and Suir/River Valley between Perenna and Ballinaboe
- 3 - East central Galway (Athenry, Ballisloe to Perenna)
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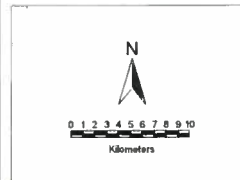
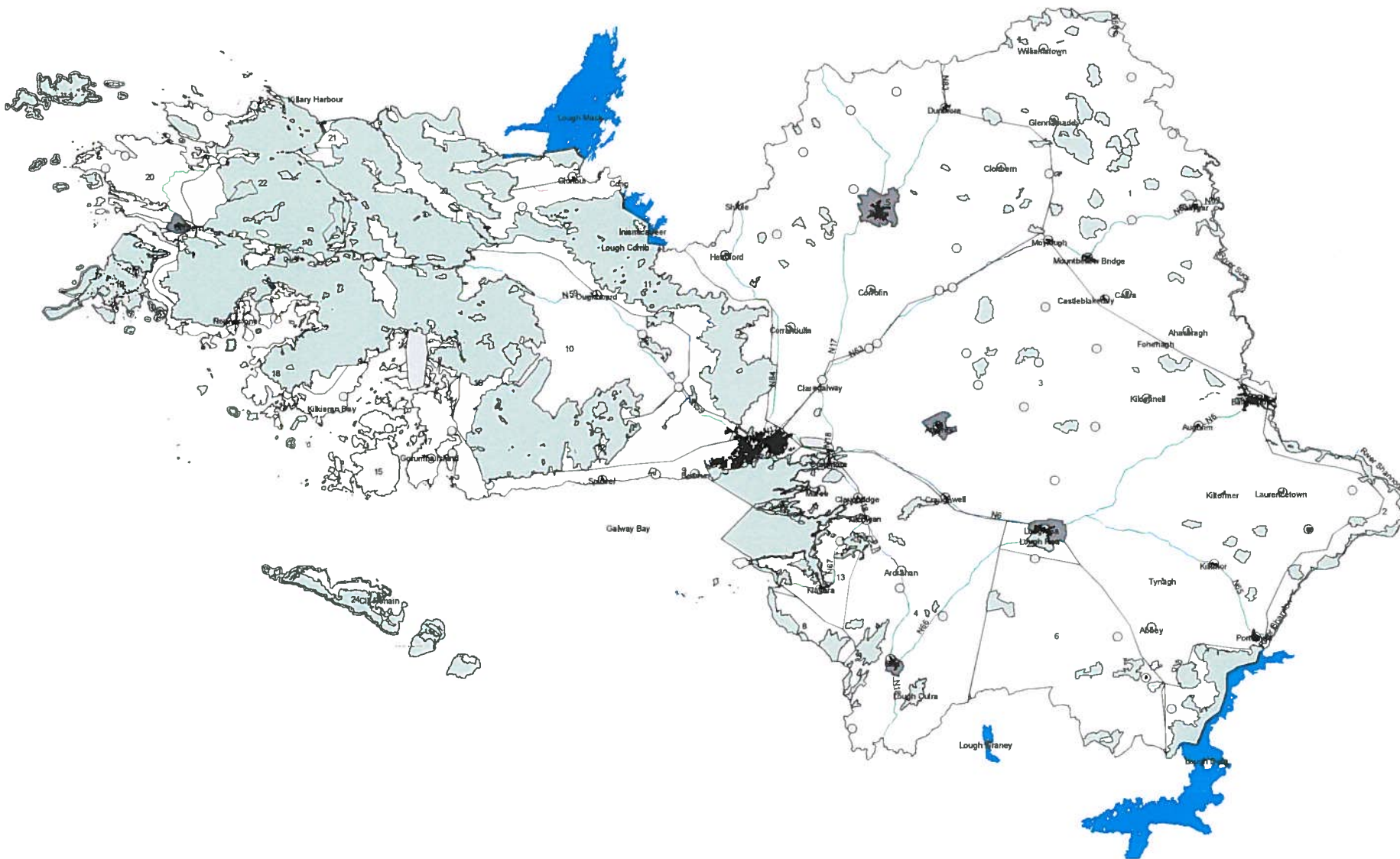
Natural Heritage Areas

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-  Urban Areas
-  Zones of Settlement Potential
-  Scheduled Towns
-  Character Areas
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Landscape Character Areas

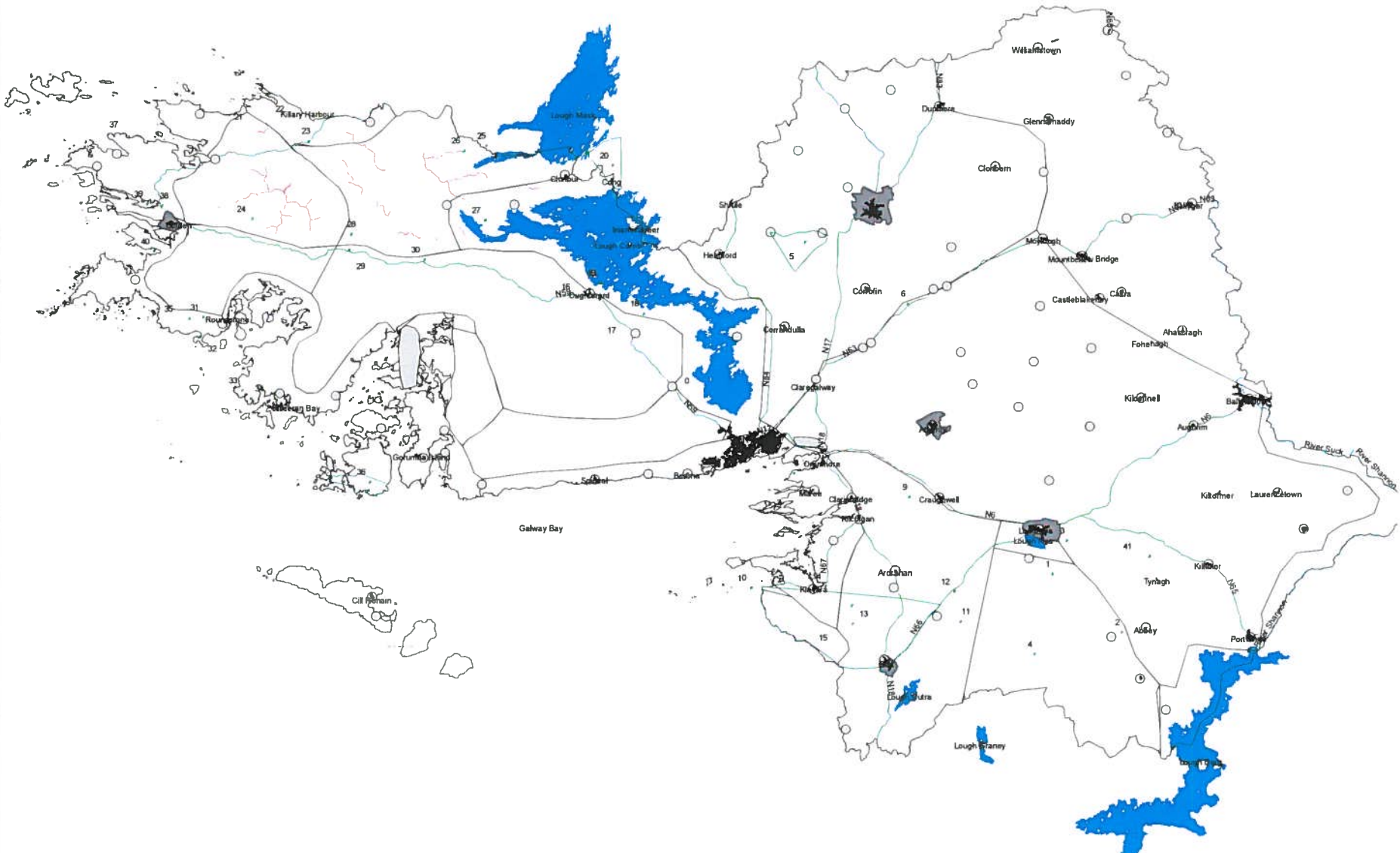
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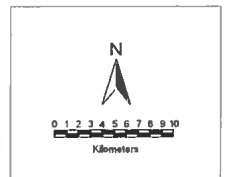
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Proposed Natural Heritage Areas



- Legend**
- Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (includes geological heritage sites)
 - Zone of Settlement Potential
 - Scheduled Towns
 - Ridge Lines
 - N Roads
 - Character Areas
 - Rivers
 - Lakes
 - Urban Areas

- 1 - Knockash Hill
- 2 - Marblehill
- 3 - Alan Lees Quarry
- 4 - Derrybrien
- 5 - Knockma / Headford
- 6 - Ballylunn
- 7 - Merlin Park
- 8 - Rivville
- 9 - Rahasane Turlough
- 10 - Abbey Hill
- 11 - Boleynendorrish
- 12 - Castleedaly
- 13 - Caherglassaun Lough
- 14 - Kevvara Rising
- 15 - Kevvara Lowlands
- 16 - Owenif Falls
- 17 - Rushveala Quarry
- 18 - Gortan Darragh
- 19 - Knocknacoura
- 20 - Cong Isthmus
- 21 - Inishbegagh
- 22 - Rosroe Peninsula
- 23 - Owenduff
- 24 - Owengin River
- 25 - Finny River
- 26 - Bencoragh
- 27 - Claggan
- 28 - Lissoughter
- 29 - Recess
- 30 - Lough Conn
- 31 - Ernsbeg and Bogland
- 32 - Dogs Bay
- 33 - Mace
- 34 - Mace River
- 35 - Murvey
- 36 - South Connemara Group
- 37 - Cleggan Head
- 38 - Streamtown Marble
- 39 - Streamtown Bay
- 40 - Mannin Bay




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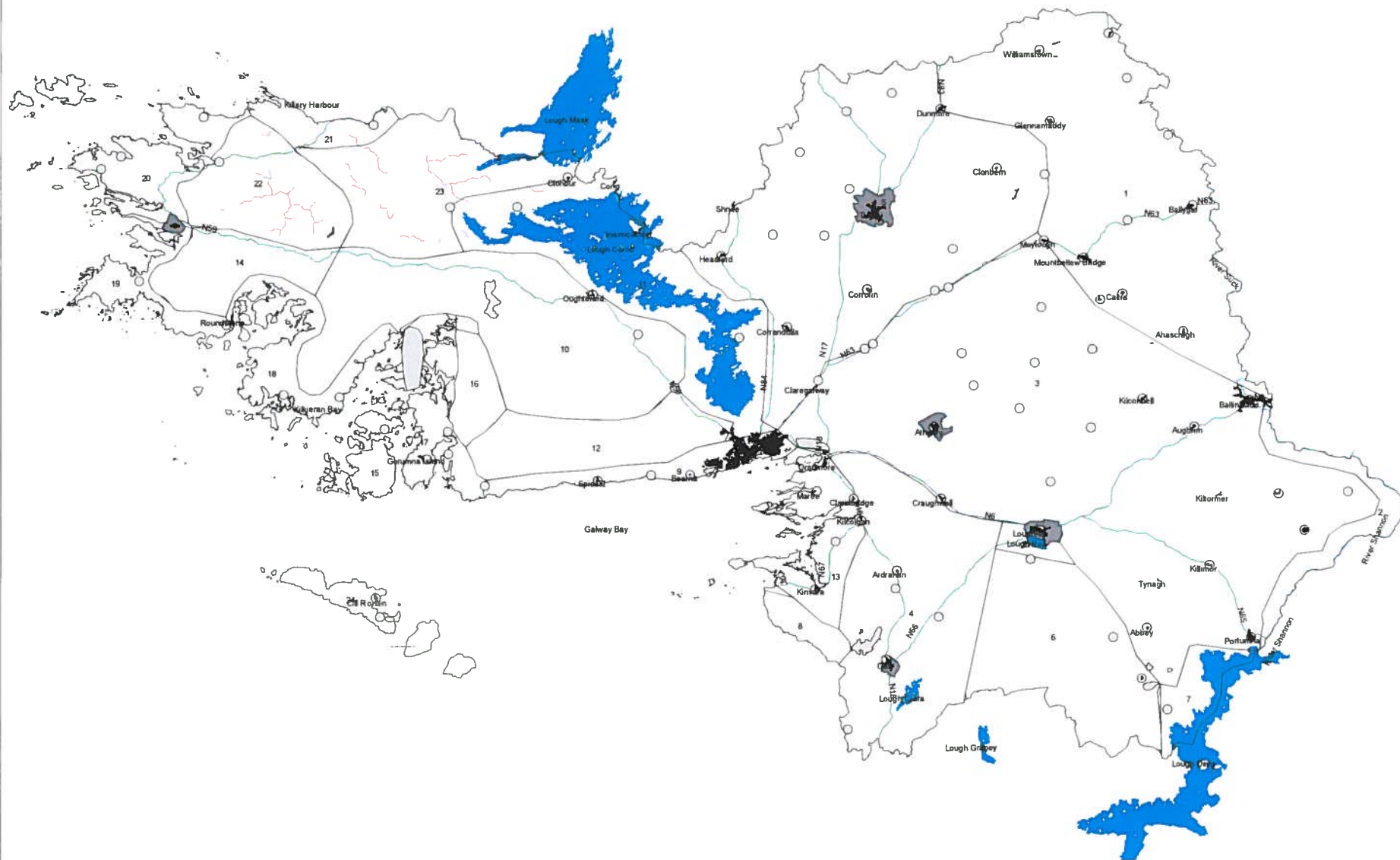
Nature Reserves

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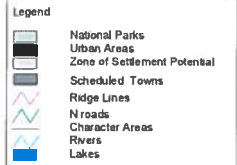
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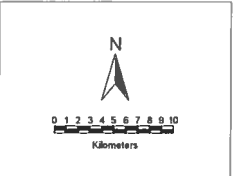
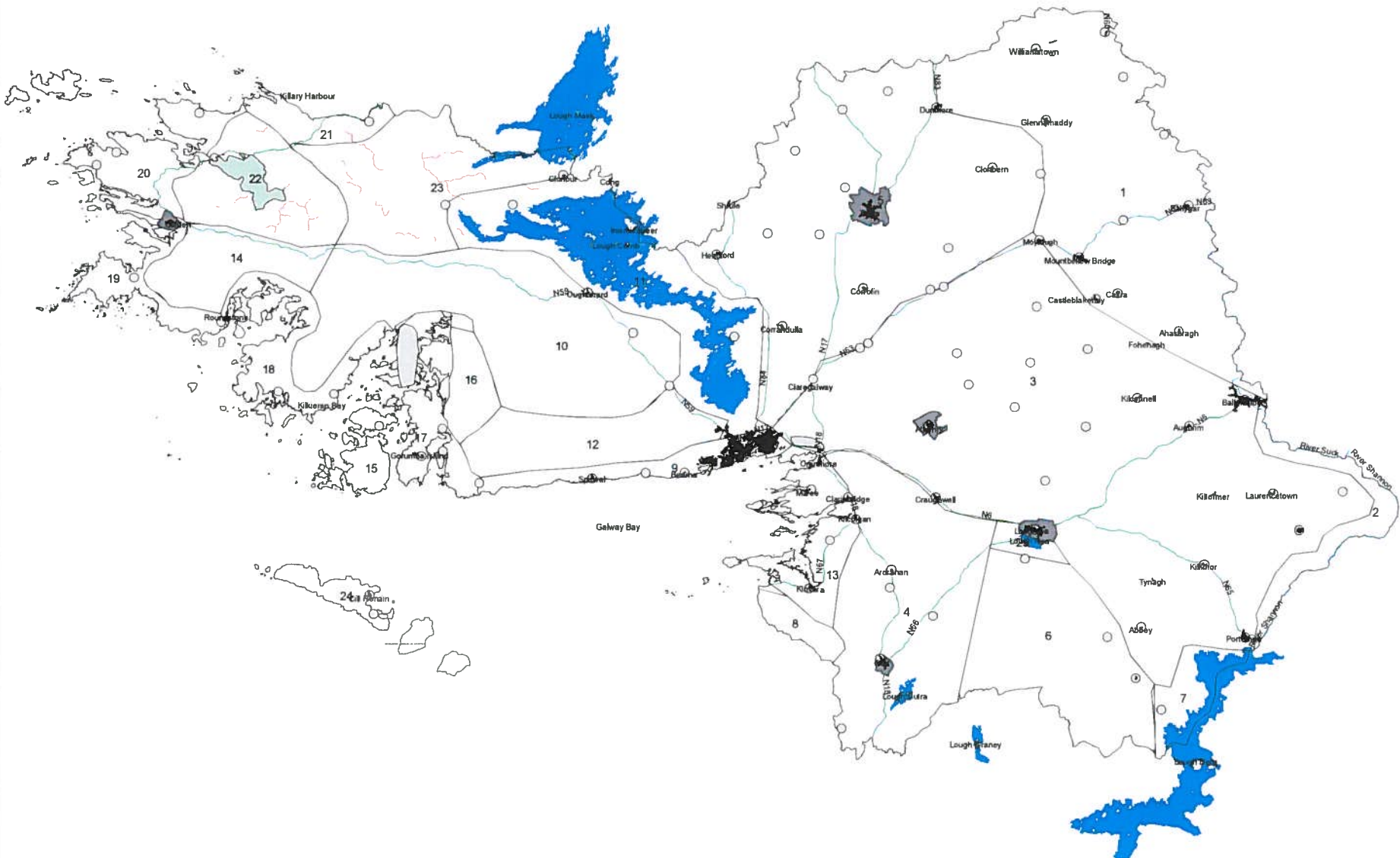
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National Parks



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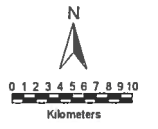
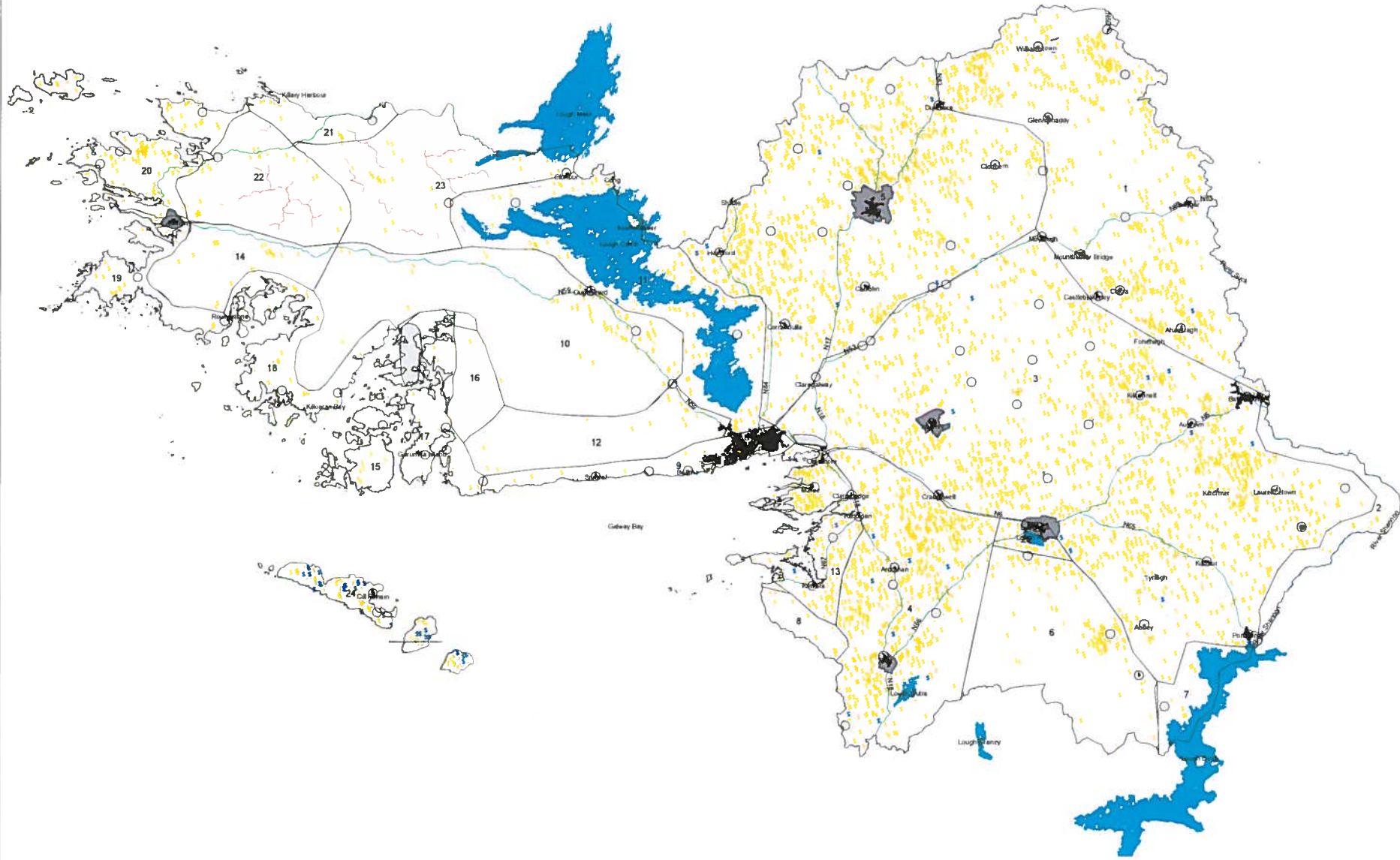
Monuments

Legend

- Urban Areas
- Character Areas
- Zone of Settlement Potential
- Scheduled Towns
- Ridge Lines
- N Roads
- Rivers
- Lakes
- National Monuments
- Site Monuments

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- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Portlanna and Ballinasloe
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- 15 - Ladimore and Connemara Islands
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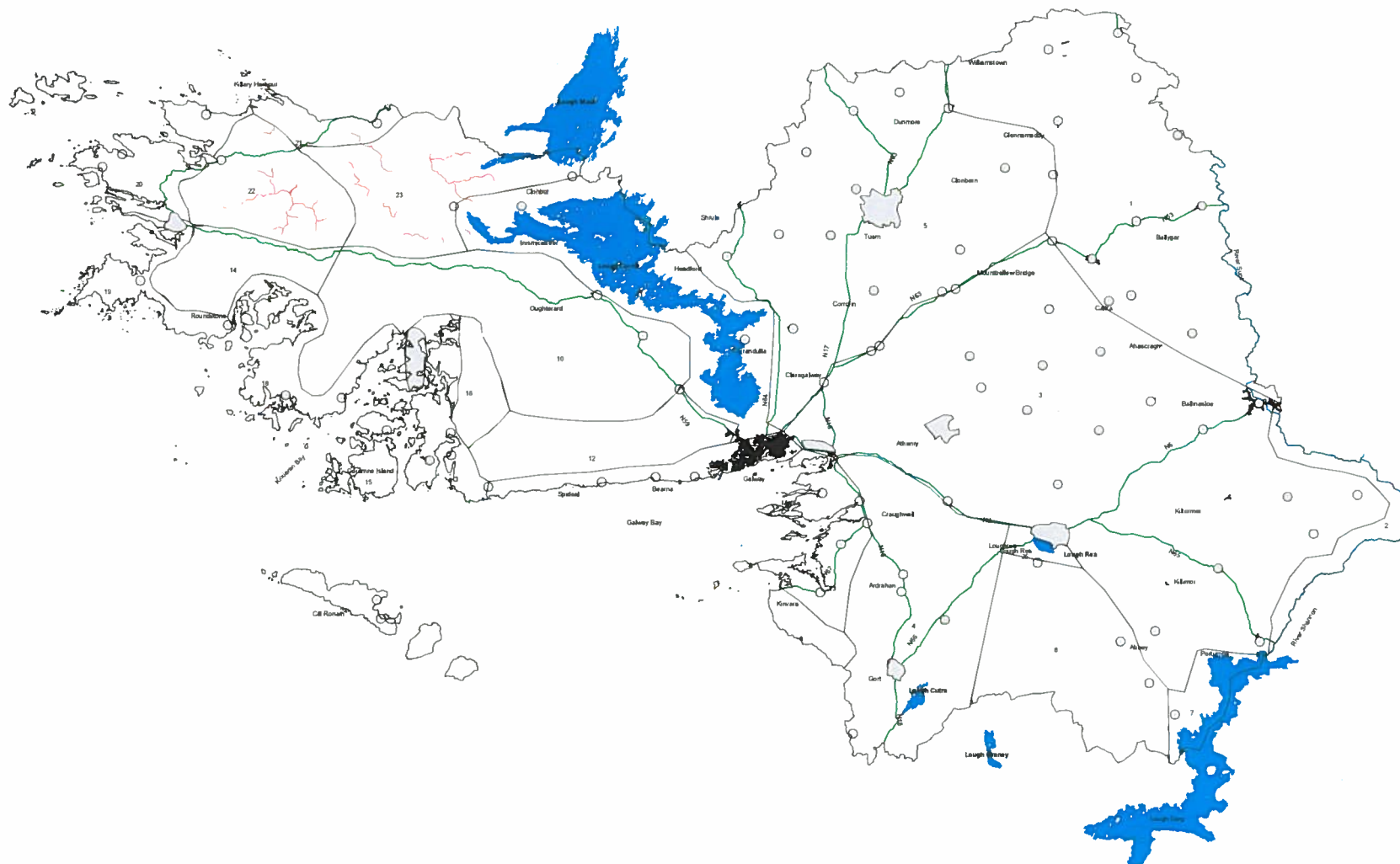


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Baseplan

Figure 1



Legend

- Scheduled Towns
- Character Areas
- Zone of Settlement Potential
- Urban Areas
- Rivers
- Ridge Lines
- Lakes
- N Roads

Landscape Character Areas

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- 15 - Lettermore and Gortanna Islands
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Landcover

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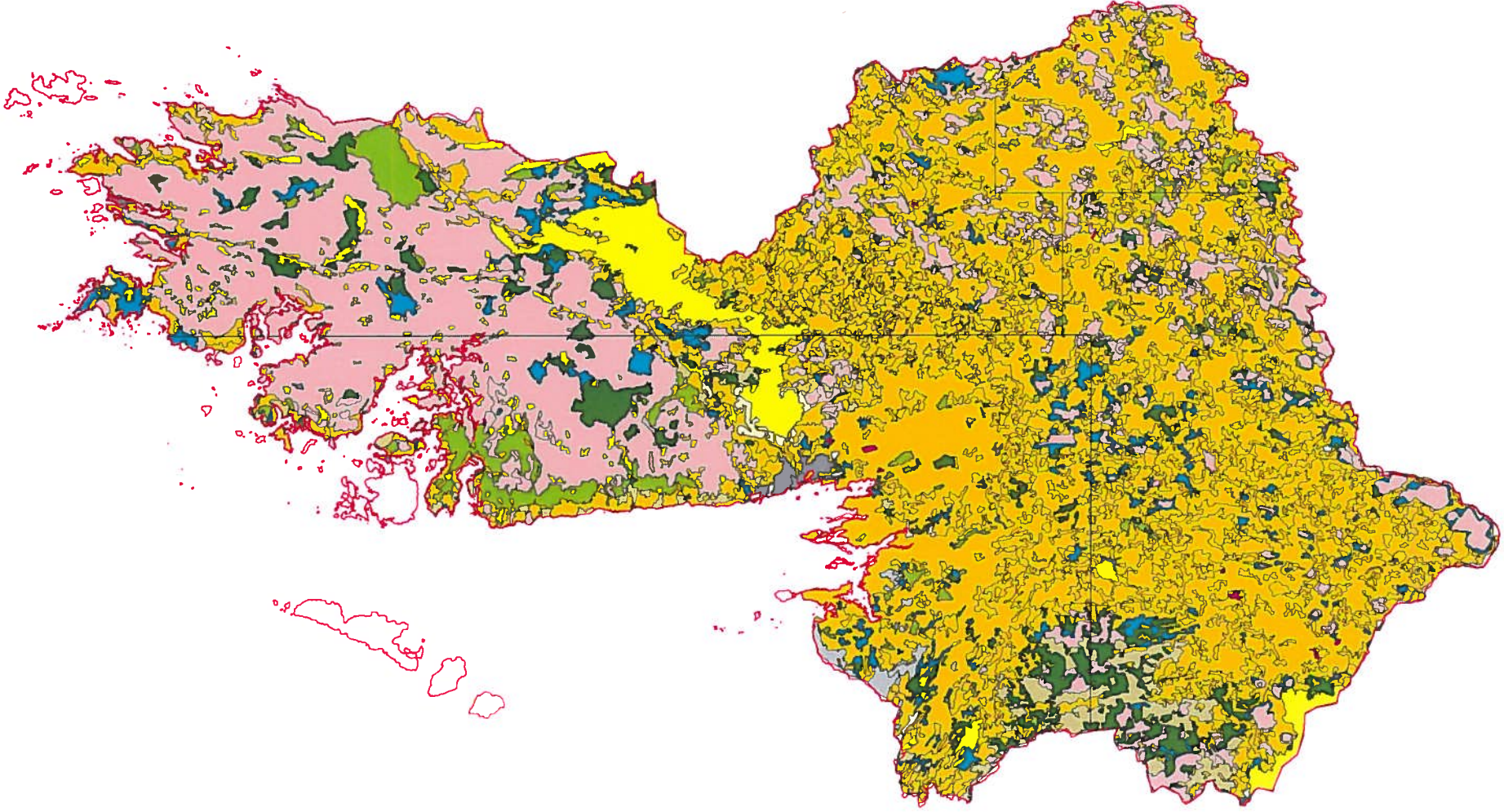
County Boundary

Corine Land Classes

- Agriculture
- Bare Rocks
- Dunes
- Forest
- Grassland
- Industrial
- Marshes
- Moor and Heath
- Other
- Peat Bogs
- Scrub
- Urban
- Water

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - Northeast Galway (Bainneá to Ballymore)
- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Portanna and Ballinasloe
- 3 - East central Galway (Athenry, Ballinasloe to Portlaoine)
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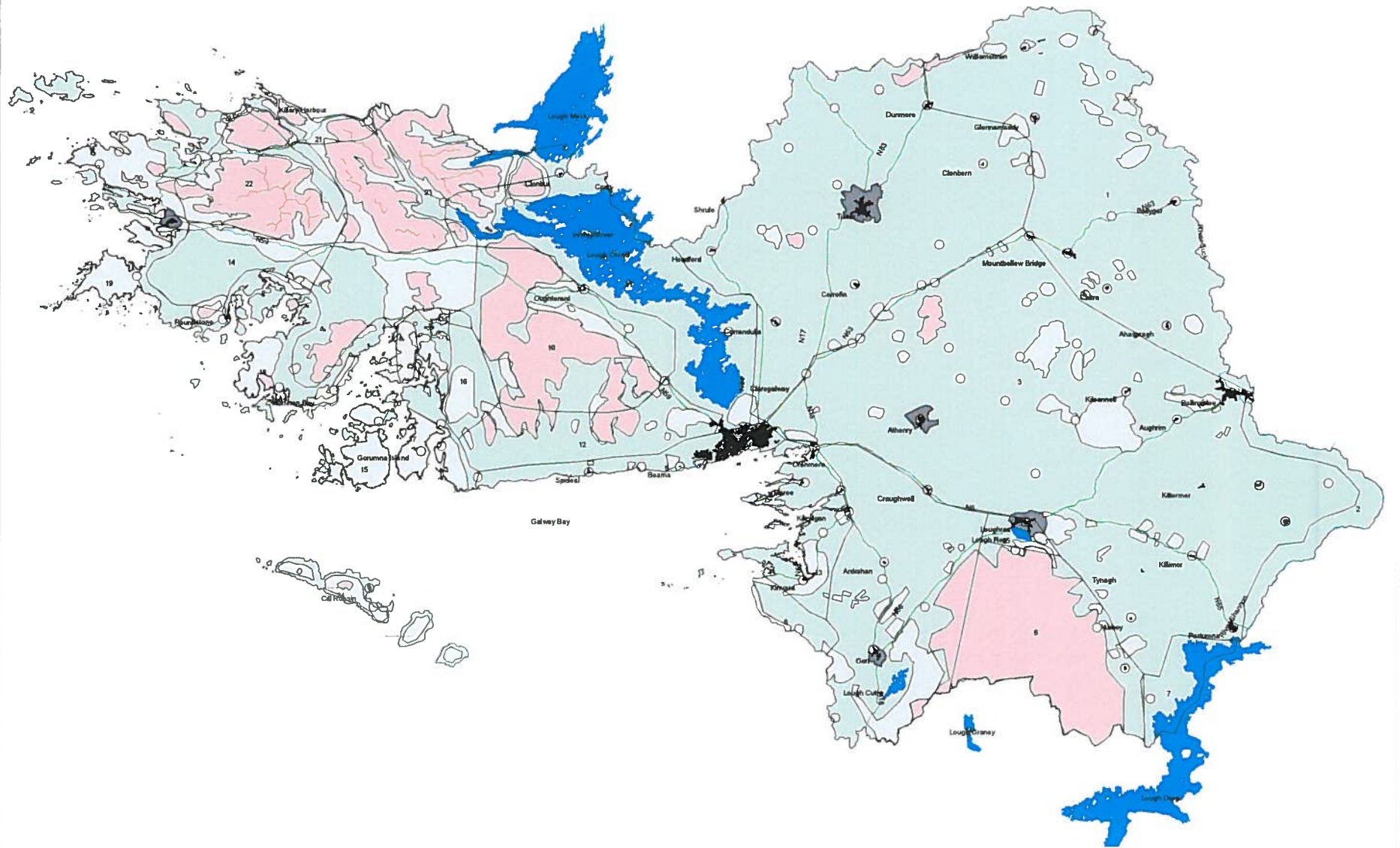


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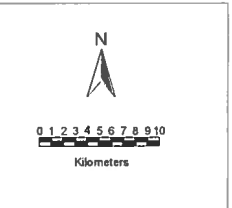
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Enclosure by Landform



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- Scheduled Towns
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 - Zone of Settlement Potential
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 - Ridge Lines
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- Flat
 - Steep
 - Gently Undulating
- Landscape Character Areas**

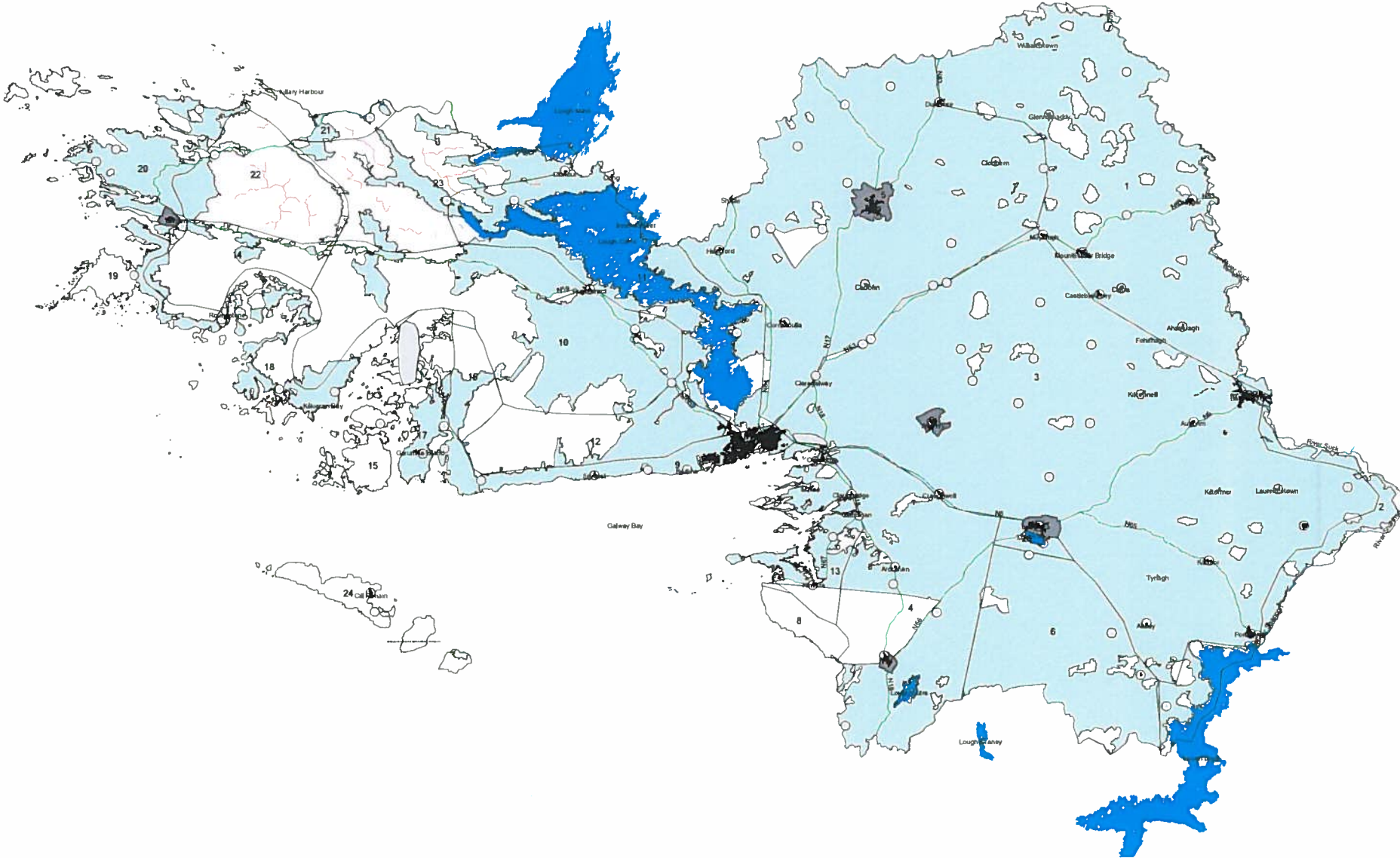
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Forest Suitability Map of Galway County

Areas that are Generally Suitable for Forestry



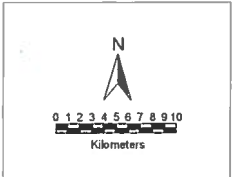
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- Areas that are generally suitable for Forestry

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- Note 1
Forestry is not recommended in areas covered by a nature designation. However native woodland planting may be appropriate within some of these designated areas
- Note 2
All forestry planting must be located at a minimum distance of 60m from buildings and houses
- Note 3
Consultation with Duchas is required in respect of a recommended exclusion zone when siting forestry close to known monuments listed on the Record of Monuments and Places
- Note 4
Within Connemara National Park and Joyce's Country, coniferous forestry is to be located below the 400m contour












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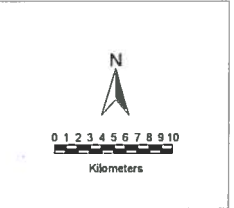
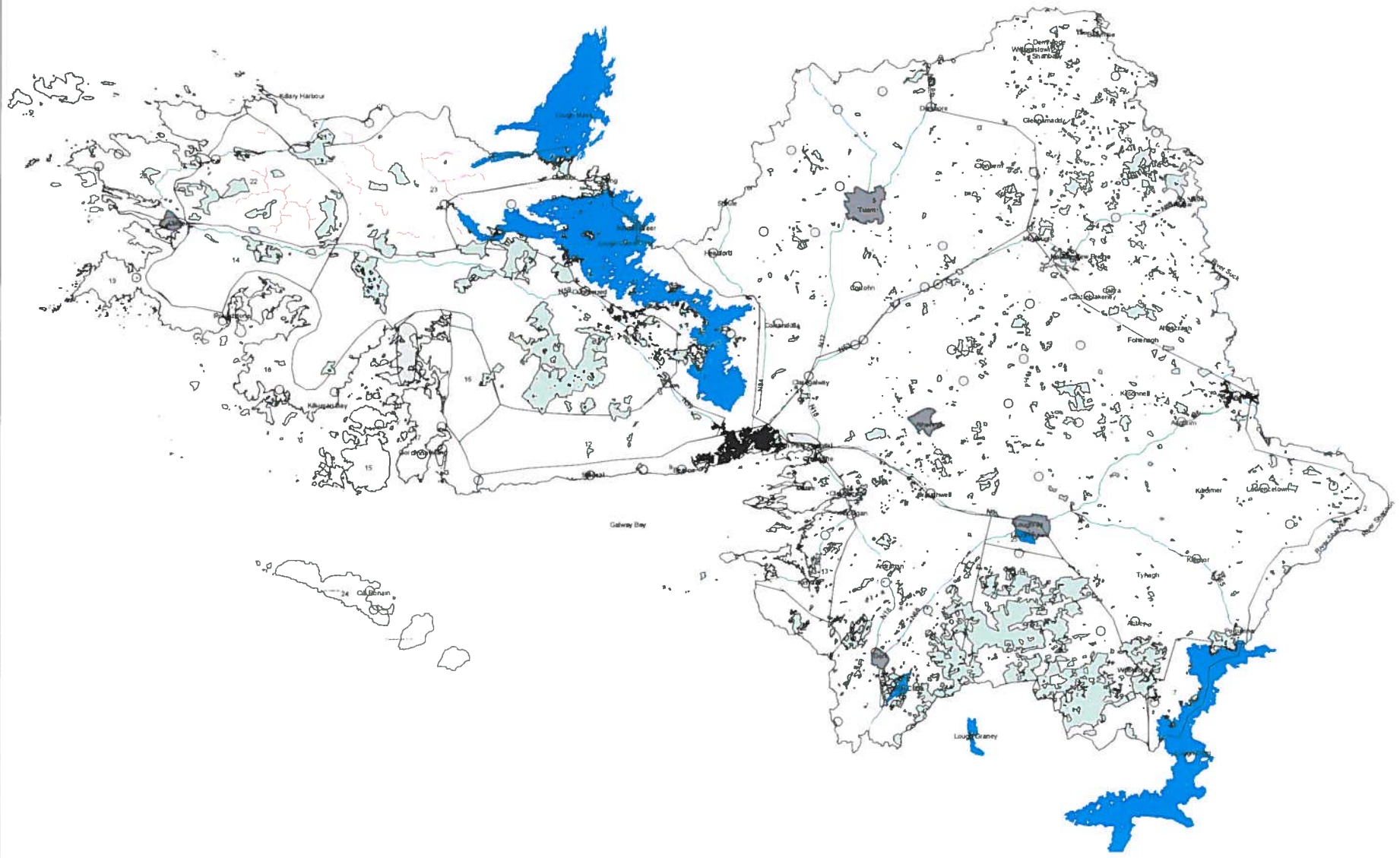
Enclosure By Forestry

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Landscape Character Areas

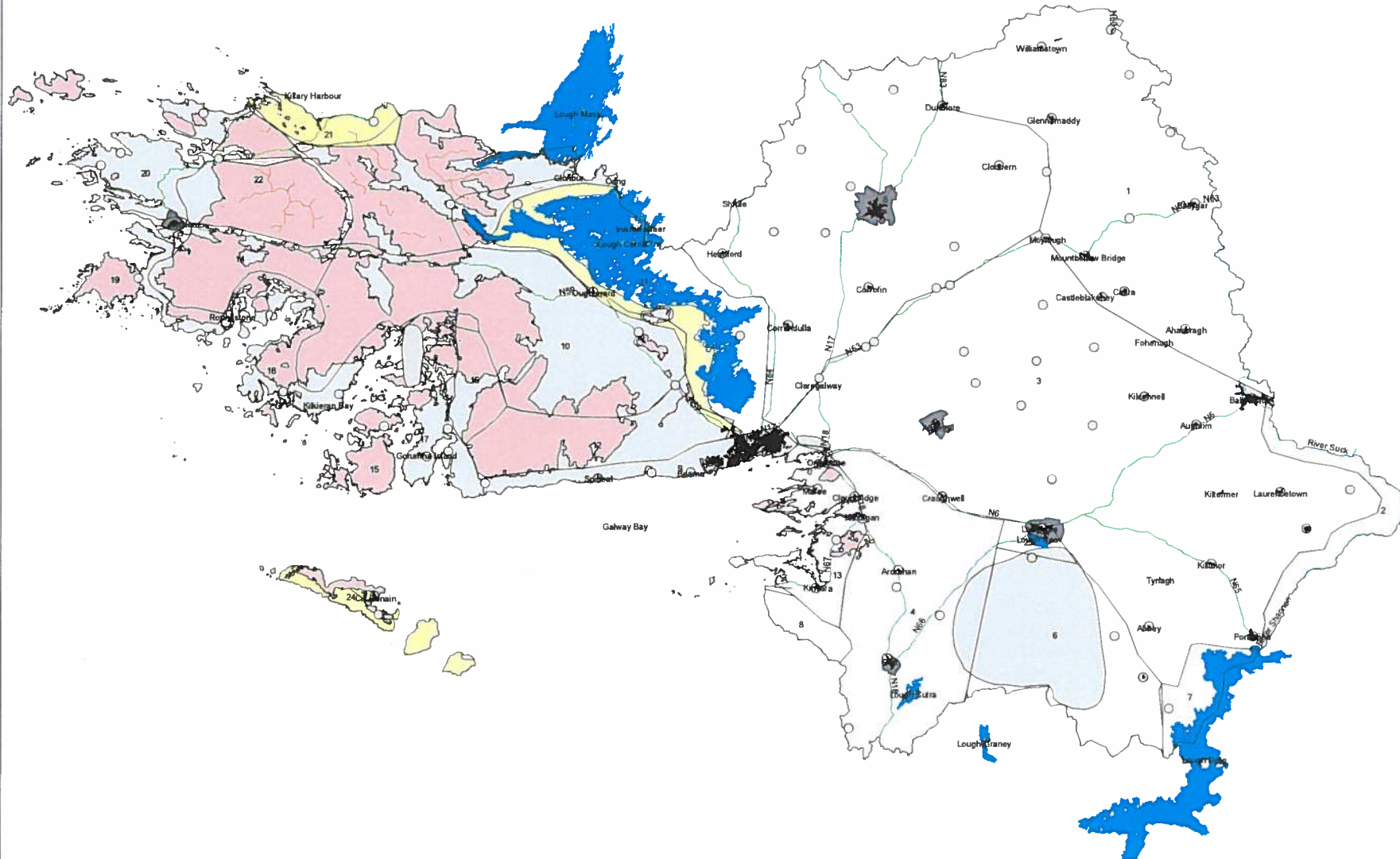
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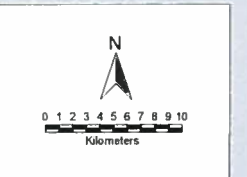
Areas of Wind Farm Potential

Figure 5



- Legend**
- Urban Areas
 - Zone of Settlement Potential
 - H1 Roads
 - Character Areas
 - Lakes
 - Rivers
 - Ridge Lines
 - Scheduled Towns
- Strategic Areas - Where wind farm development is considered appropriate i.e. wind resource at or above 6m/sec
- Areas for Consideration - where each project would be dealt with on its merits i.e. wind resource at or above 6m/sec. Wind turbines permitted only around perimeter of nature conservation sites, or above high tide mark etc (see text table 2.3)
- No go areas - where wind farm development is considered inappropriate i.e. wind resource at or above 6m/sec

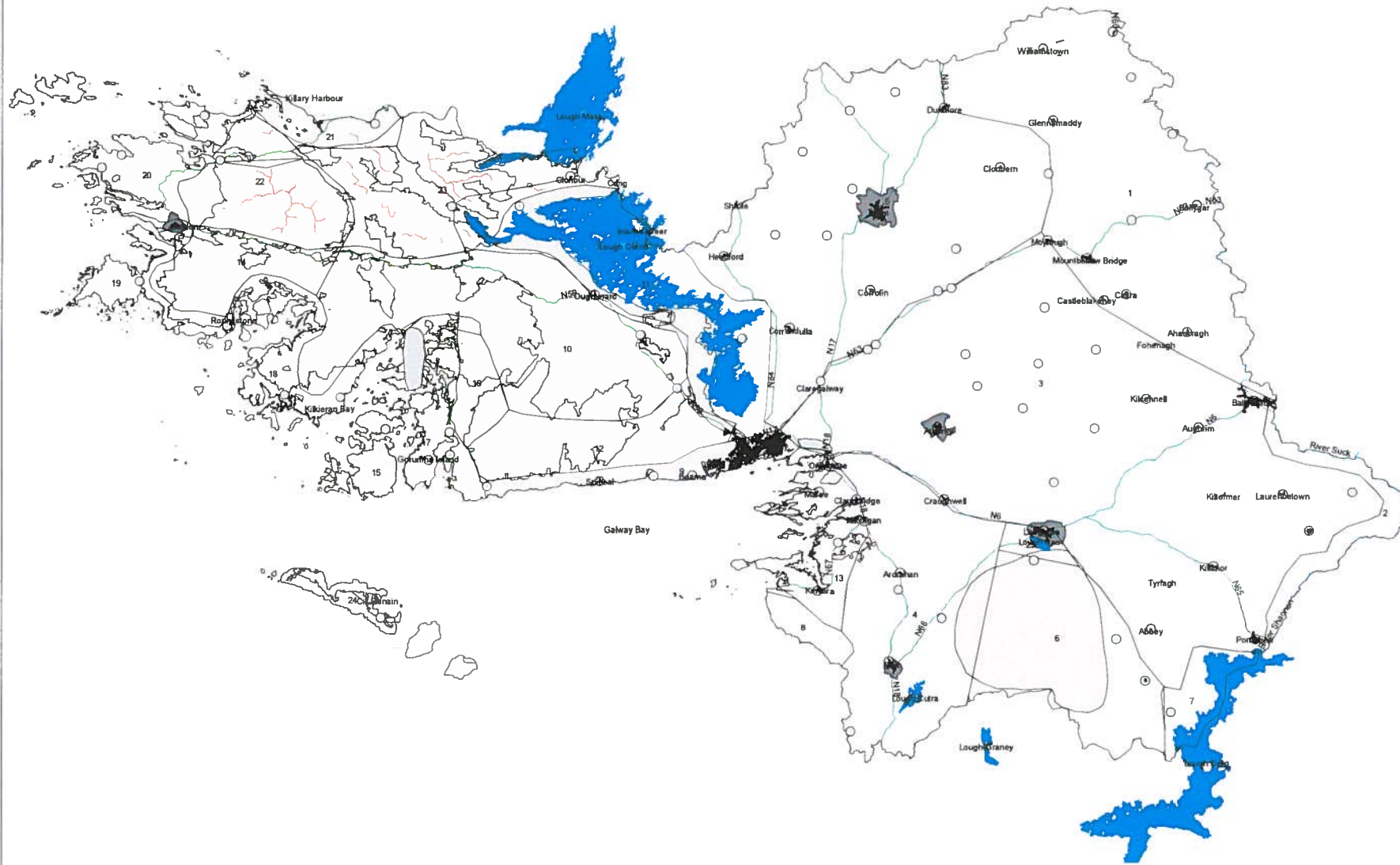
- Landscape Character Areas**
- 1 - North east Galway (Ballinacloe to ballymore)
 - 2 - Shennon and Suck River Valley between Portumna and Ballinacloe
 - 3 - East central Galway (Athenry, Ballinacloe to Portumna)
 - 4 - Southeast Galway (Clarnabridge to Gart)
 - 5 - Northeast Galway (Tarm environs)
 - 6 - Slieve Aughty Mountains
 - 7 - Northwest Loch Derg
 - 8 - Lower Barron (Co. Galway portion)
 - 9 - Inverton to Galway City coast line
 - 10 - East Connemara Mountains (Moycullen, Recess to Glinsk)
 - 11 - Lough Corrib and environs
 - 12 - South foothills of east Connemara Mountains (west of Rathill to Rossaveal)
 - 13 - East Galway Bay (Oranmore to Kinvarna Bay and inland to N15 road)
 - 14 - West Connemara
 - 15 - Liffemore and Garanna Islands
 - 16 - West foothills of east Connemara Mountains
 - 17 - Carrara (Cashla Bay to Glencesh)
 - 18 - Bertraghay bay and eastern banks
 - 19 - West Coast (Gorteen bay to Calfán)
 - 20 - West Coast (Childen to mouth of Kilbary Harbour)
 - 21 - Kilbary Harbour and Southern banks
 - 22 - Connemara National Park (including Lough Fee, Lough Inagh and Derrisla Lough)
 - 23 - Joyce's Country (including Lehanagh Loughs and south Lough Mask)
 - 24 - Aran Islands
 - 25 - Lough Frea



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Areas of Wind Farm Potential

Figure 5a



Legend

- Urban Areas
- Zone of Settlement Potential
- N Roads
- Character Areas
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Ridge Lines
- Scheduled Towns
- Areas of wind resource potential - wind speed estimated at 6m/sec or above, based on preliminary mapping, accuracy is not guaranteed

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - North east Galway (Ballinacoe to ballymore)
- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Portumna and Ballinacoe
- 3 - East central Galway (Ahenry, Ballinacoe to Portumna)
- 4 - Southeast Galway (Clarinbridge to Gort)
- 5 - Northeast Galway (Tuam environs)
- 6 - Slieve Aughty Mountains
- 7 - Northwest Loch Derg
- 8 - Lower Burren (Co. Galway portion)
- 9 - Inverin to Galway City coastline
- 10 - East Connemara Mountains (Meycuilén, Reaca to Glinsk)
- 11 - Lough Corrib and environs
- 12 - South foothills of east Connemara Mountains (west of aithlé to Rossaveil)
- 13 - East Galway Bay (Cransmore to Kinvara Bay and inland to H18 road)
- 14 - West Connemara
- 15 - Lettermore and Corunna Islands
- 16 - West foothills of east Connemara Mountains
- 17 - Carrara (Cashla Bay to Glenech)
- 18 - Bartraghoboy bay and eastern banks
- 19 - West Coast (Correen bay to Cúdan)
- 20 - West Coast (Cúdan to mouth of Killybeg Harbour)
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









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Landscape Character Map of Galway County

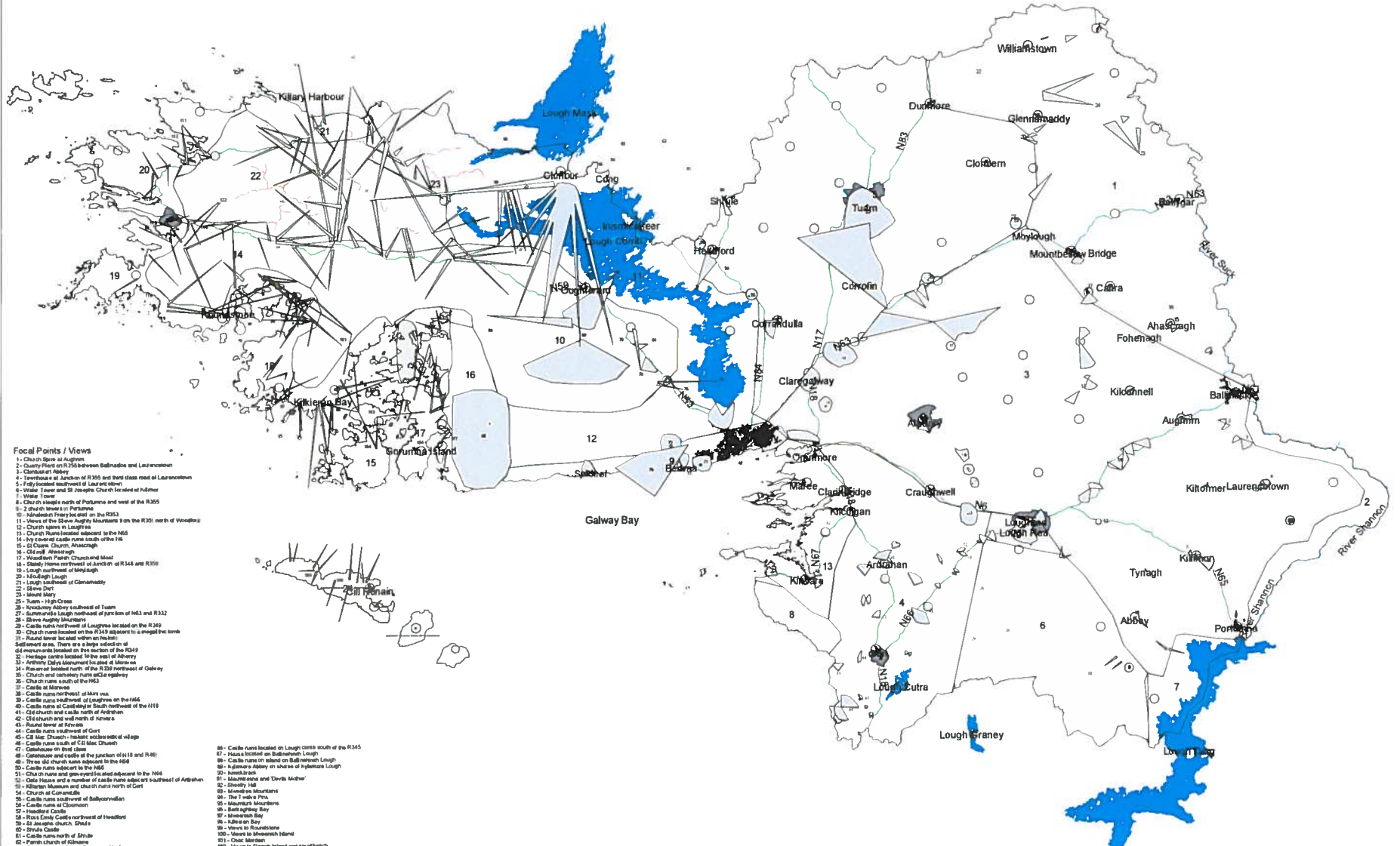
Focal Points / Views

Legend

-  Focal Points / Views
-  Character Areas
-  Urban Areas
-  Zone of Settlement Potential
-  Scheduled Towns
-  Ridge Lines
-  N Roads
-  Rivers
-  Lakes

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - North east Galway (Gallesbeg to Ballymoe)
- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Pertanna and Ballynasloe
- 3 - East central Galway (Ahaney, Ballynasloe to Pertanna)
- 4 - Southeast Galway (Clarinbridge to Gort)
- 5 - Northwest Galway (Tuam environs)
- 6 - Slieve Aghly Mountains
- 7 - Northwest Lough Derg
- 8 - Lower Burren (Co. Galway portion)
- 9 - Inverin to Galway City coastline
- 10 - East Connemara Mountains (Moycullen, Reena to Glinsk)
- 11 - Lough Corrib and environs
- 12 - South foothills of east Connemara Mountains (west of Salthill to Rossaveil)
- 13 - East Galway Bay (Cranmore to Kinvara Bay and inland to N16 road)
- 14 - West Connemara
- 15 - Lettermore and Glenties Islands
- 16 - West foothills of east Connemara Mountains (Glentiesmurry Lough environs)
- 17 - Carrane (Cahinch Bay to Glentiesh)
- 18 - Berkeighley bay and eastern banks
- 19 - West Coast (Gorteen bay to Cldon)
- 20 - West Coast (Cldeen to mouth of Killary Harbour)
- 21 - Killary Harbour and southern banks
- 22 - Connemara National Park (including Lough Fies, Lough Inagh and Derrykeena Lough)
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- Focal Points / Views**
- 1 - Chis on Spire at Aughrim
 - 2 - Quarry Piers on R355 between Ballynasloe and Liscannoin
 - 3 - Carrubeth Hill
 - 4 - Intersection of Junction of R305 and first class road at Liscannoin
 - 5 - Fully located southwest of Liscannoin
 - 6 - Water Tower and St Joseph's Church located at Inbhir
 - 7 - Water Tower
 - 8 - Chis on island north of Pertanna and west of the R305
 - 9 - 2 church towers in Pertanna
 - 10 - Monksland Ferry located on the R262
 - 11 - Views of the Slieve Aghly Mountains from the R301 north of Woodhill
 - 12 - Church spires in Loughrea
 - 13 - Church spires located adjacent to the M63
 - 14 - Ivy covered castle ruins south of the M6
 - 15 - St Columba's Church, Ahascragh
 - 16 - Clifftown Head
 - 17 - Woodlawn Farm Church and Island
 - 18 - Clifftown Head northwest of Junction of R348 and R308
 - 19 - Lough northwest of Ballynahinch
 - 20 - Mounagh Lough
 - 21 - Lough south of Clonsilla
 - 22 - Slieve Derr
 - 23 - Island lough
 - 24 - Tuam - High Cross
 - 25 - Inverin lough southeast of Tuam
 - 26 - Liscannoin lough southeast of M63 and R332
 - 27 - Slieve Aghly Mountains
 - 28 - Castle ruins northwest of Loughrea located on the R349
 - 29 - Island lough located where no formal settlement area. There are a large selection of old monuments located on the section of the R349
 - 30 - Heritage centre located to the east of Ahascragh
 - 31 - Anthony's Dale Monument located at Ahascragh
 - 32 - Ruins of castle north of the R339 northwest of Galway
 - 33 - Church and castle ruins on the R339
 - 34 - Castle ruins south of the M63
 - 35 - Castle at Moycullen
 - 36 - Castle ruins northwest of Moycullen
 - 37 - Castle ruins southwest of Loughrea on the M66
 - 38 - Castle ruins at Castlebridge in south northwest of the M118
 - 39 - Clifftown and castle north of Ahascragh
 - 40 - Clifftown and castle north of Ahascragh
 - 41 - Island lough of Ahascragh
 - 42 - Castle ruins southwest of Gort
 - 43 - Clifftown Head
 - 44 - Castle ruins southwest of Gort
 - 45 - Clifftown Head
 - 46 - Castle ruins south of Clifftown Head
 - 47 - Castle ruins on the island
 - 48 - Castle ruins and castle at the junction of M18 and R460
 - 49 - Three old stone towers located on the M63
 - 50 - Castle ruins adjacent to the M63
 - 51 - Clifftown and castle north of Ahascragh
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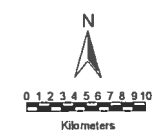
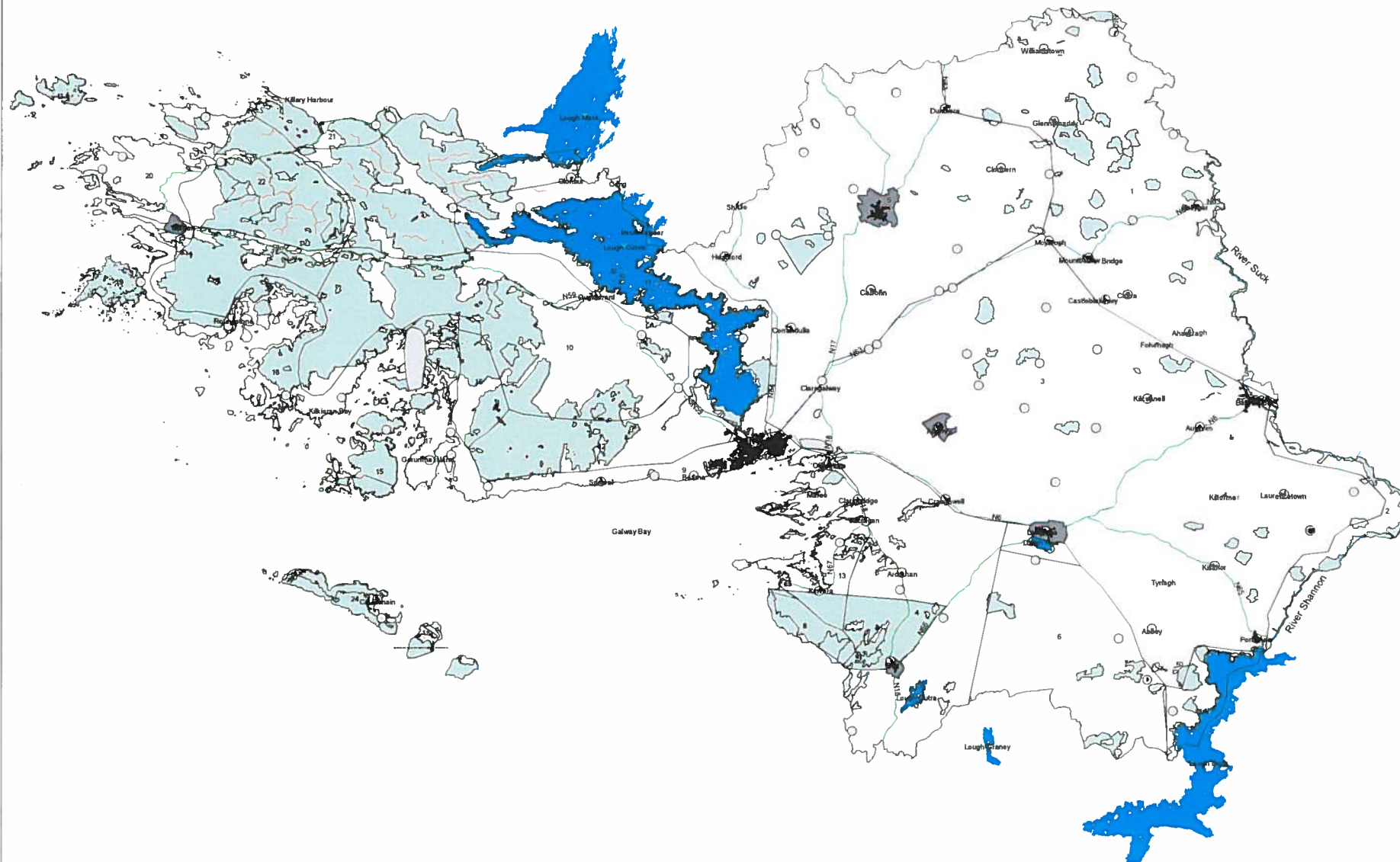
Landscape and Landscape
Character Assessment
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Landscape Sensitivity Map
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Nature Designations

Legend

-  Urban Areas
-  Zone of Settlement Potential
-  Scheduled Towns
-  Ridge Lines
-  N Roads
-  Rivers
-  Lakes
-  Character Areas
-  All Nature Designations (SPA, SAC, NHA, NP, NR)

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - Northeast Galway (Ballasloe to Ballymoe)
- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Portlanna and Ballasloe
- 3 - East central Galway (Ahenny, Ballasloe to Portlanna)
- 4 - Southeast Galway (Clairinbridge to Gort)
- 5 - Northeast Galway (Tain environs)
- 6 - Slieve Aughty Mountains
- 7 - Northwest Loch Derg
- 8 - Lower Burren (Co. Galway portion)
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- 10 - East Connemara Mountains (Moycudin, Revisa to Glinsk)
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- 19 - West Coast (Corteen Bay to Clifden)
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- 25 - Lough Rea



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Landscape Sensitivity Map of Galway County

Landscape Value Rating

Legend

-  Urban Areas
 -  Zone of Settlement Potential
 -  Scheduled Towns
 -  Ridge Lines
 -  N Roads
 -  Character Areas
 -  Rivers
 -  Lakes
- Landscape Value Rating
-  Outstanding
 -  Medium
 -  Low
 -  High

Landscape Character Areas

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- 2 - Shannon and Suck River Valley between Portunna and Ballinacree
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- 15 - Lettermore and Gorumra Islands
- 16 - West foothills of east Connemara Mountains (Glencolumbkille Lough environs)
- 17 - Carratone (Cashla Bay to Glencoloh)
- 18 - Berragoboy bay and eastern banks
- 19 - West Coast (Gorteen bay to Clifden)
- 20 - West Coast (Clifden to mouth of Killybeg Harbour)
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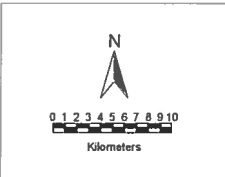
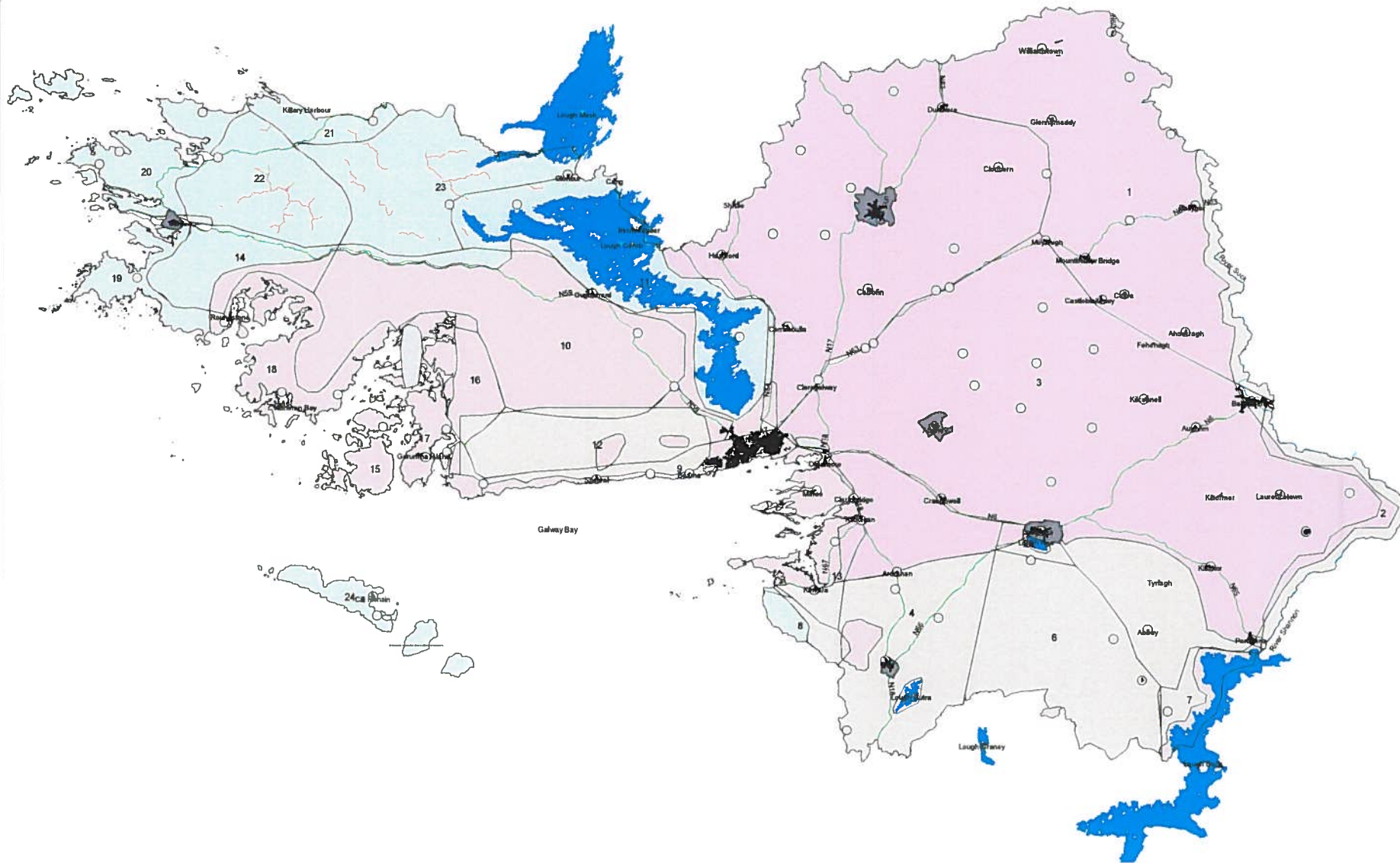
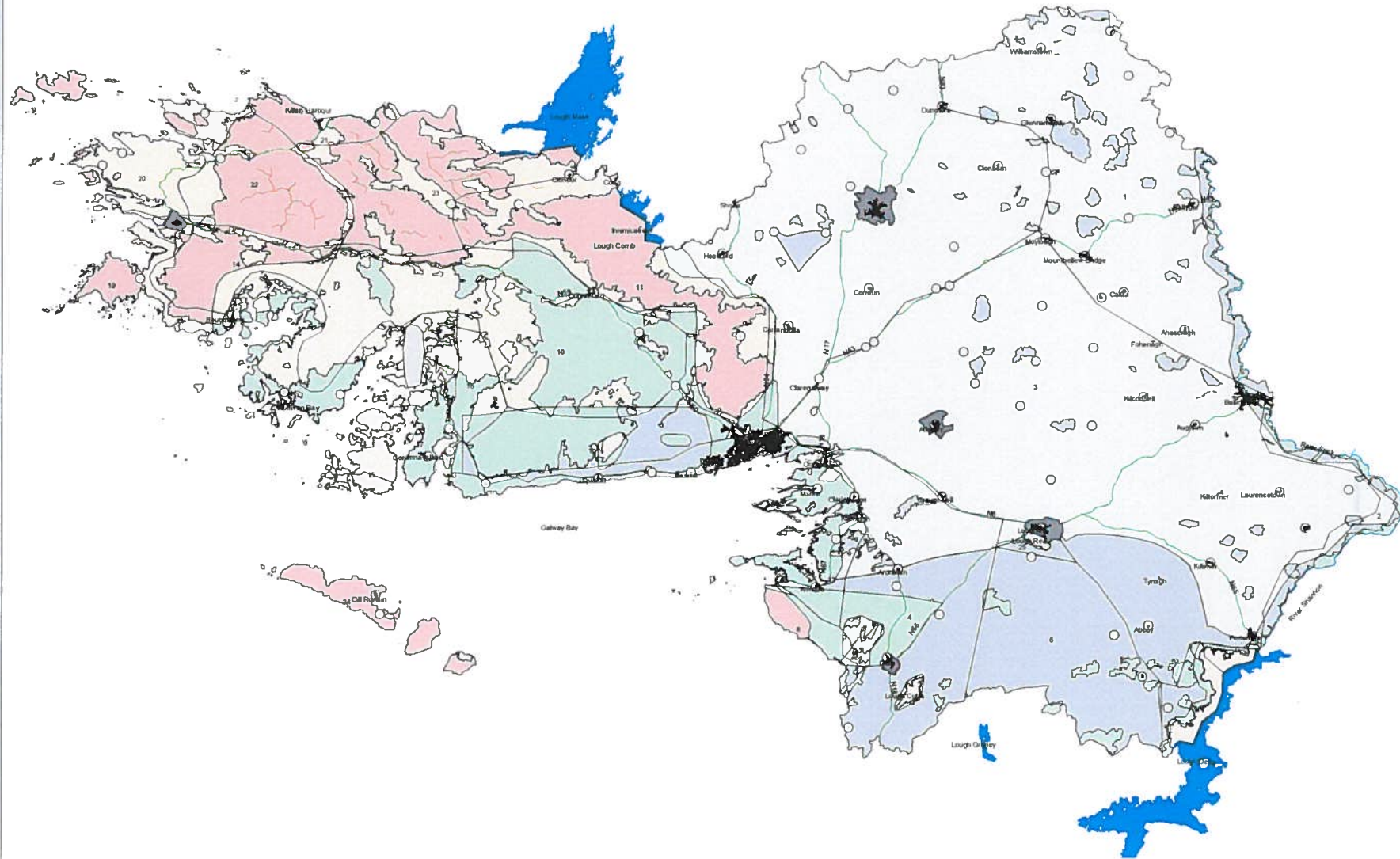


Figure 3



Legend

- Urban Areas
- Zone of Potential Settlement
- Scheduled towns
- Ridge Lines
- N Roads
- Major Rivers
- Lakes
- Character Areas

Landscape Sensitivity Rating

- Class 5 - Unique
- Class 4 - Special
- Class 3 - High
- Class 2 - Moderate
- Class 1 - Low

Landscape Character Areas

- 1 - North East Galway (Bainiste to Ballymoa)
- 2 - Shannan and Suck River Valley between Portunna and Balleardine
- 3 - East Central Galway (Athlary, Ballynoe to Portunna)
- 4 - Southeast Galway (Clairbridge to Corl)
- 5 - Northeast Galway (Tain environs)
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- 17 - Carraroe (Cashla Bay to Glenties)
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