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The urbanisation of Irish society has had a profound impact on the character and mix of Irish research. The research agenda now encompasses such diverse issues as the urban consequences of economic restructuring, inner-area economic and physical regeneration, environmental protection and building conservation, residential development and the crisis of housing affordability, the suburbanisation of employment and the impacts of the separation of land-uses on traffic circulation and congestion. It has been concerned with investigating urban issues in advance of policy development and engaging in the monitoring and review of urban policies.

The publication of the **Journal of Irish Urban Studies** marks a growing recognition of the importance of urban-related issues in Irish society. It has been established as a forum for the dissemination of research and the stimulation of discussion and debate. It is a joint initiative of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Trinity College Dublin, and the Faculty of the Built Environment, Dublin Institute of Technology, Bolton Street.

Two volumes of the Journal will be published annually. One volume will be thematic, based on papers presented at the annual seminar. The second volume will be eclectic, for which the Journal welcomes the submission of articles from researchers and professional practitioners working in either the public or private sectors. Papers should be relevant to contemporary Irish urban issues. Reviews of non-Irish issues will also be considered insofar as they bear considerable relevance to the Irish situation.

Short papers from urban practitioners (planners, surveyors, architects, housing managers, community workers etc.) reflecting on or critically evaluating specific aspects of contemporary policy and practice are particularly welcome for publication in the *Papers from Practice* section of the Journal.

The current volume mainly comprises articles developed from the papers delivered at the May 2001 seminar on "*The Urban Periphery: problems and capacities for sustainable development in the Dublin region.*"

The article by Brendan Williams and Patrick Shiels provides an overview of the expansion of the Greater Dublin Area during recent years. The paper by Andrew MacLaran and James Killen reviews the increasing suburbanisation of office development and its transport implications. The transport theme is further developed by Hendrik van der Kamp in an appraisal of the potential contribution of multi-modal transport interchanges to the future form of the Greater Dublin Area. Deiric Ó Broin's paper addresses the theme of participation by marginalised communities in local government structures and the role and experience of the newly established Strategic Policy Committees and the City/County Development Boards. The theme of community activity is further taken up by Michael Punch in his review of voluntary-sector initiatives, or 'bottom-up' approaches to development in Tallaght, one of the peripheral western new towns of Dublin.

*Papers from Practice* comprises two articles by senior planners working in two of the local authorities in the Dublin area. The paper by Dick Gleeson reports on a co-operative venture between Dublin Corporation Planning Department and private-sector town planning consultants Urban Initiatives in their attempt to create at the northern edge of Dublin a new suburban development which will from the outset possess a strong sense of place and identity. Continuing the theme of planning for suburban development, Bob Biddlecombe's challenging paper poses important questions concerning residential density issues.

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