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Given the 'limited empirical evidence and data about the scope, prevalence and contribution of social enterprises in Ireland' (Report, Pg 24), this brief submission in relation to the Draft National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-22 document is submitted on behalf of Alan Mee, Leon McCarthy, and Michael Hayes. Together, as team members of the 3D Docklands Hackathon held on the weekend of 11-12 May 2019, we developed a pilot Interactive Mapping tool after researching the question: 'How to interactively map and app social enterprises and 'creatives' in Docklands and beyond over time?'. In response, we developed a Pilot application for co-creating and co-understanding social enterprise communities and clusters, called 'WeeMatch', as a way to match micro-social enterprises, sole practitioner 'creatives' (eg. a Guitarist'). One reason for the tool is that use mix in the city benefits all. We propose collaboratively and interactively mapping social enterprises and 'creatives' together, partly because when seen together they are indicators of a lively, mixed, affordable city. From our initial research, we believe that comprehensive geographical mapping of social enterprises is required in Ireland, but also that it should be underpinned by a funding mechanism that invites those mapped to be publicly funded co-creators of the content, as the spillover effects of these 'clusters of buzz' benefits wider society and us all.

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