



Tithe an Oireachtais

An Comhchoiste um Thithíocht, Pleanáil agus Rialtas Áitiúil

Cion an Chomhchoiste um Thithíocht, Pleanáil agus Rialtas Áitiúil maidir leis an
Dréacht-Chreat Pleanála Náisiúnta - Éire 2040: Ár bPlean

Deireadh Fómhair 2017

Houses of the Oireachtas

Joint Committee on Housing, Planning & Local Government

Contribution of the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning & Local
Government on the Draft National Planning Framework - Ireland 2040:
Our Plan

October 2017

Introduction -

This is the contribution of the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to the motion passed by both Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann on 3rd October 2017 in relation to the Draft National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040: Our Plan.

The motion passed by the Houses;

- *requests the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government to collate and submit any observations or recommendations during this final consultation period for consideration by the Government, with the approval of the Committee on behalf of both Houses of the Oireachtas for the proposed strategy of the draft National Planning Framework;*

The Joint Committee engaged with Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr. Damien English T.D., Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development and officials from the Department on 18th October 2017 in relation to the Draft National Planning Framework. Following this engagement, the Committee has agreed the following observations and recommendations on the Draft National Planning Framework.

Deputy Eoin Ó'Broin, formally dissents to the observations and recommendations contained in this contribution.

Observations and Recommendations of the Joint Committee -

- The Committee recommends an extension of the public consultation by one month. An extensive advertising campaign should be undertaken to highlight this fact;
- The Committee is broadly supportive of the Draft National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040:Our Plan (the Plan);
- the Committee is concerned that no detail has been provided in relation to the Capital Investment Plan due for publication in tandem with the National Planning Framework. The Committee believe that greater transparency and engagement is needed in relation to the Capital Investment Plan;
- the Committee believe that effective land management, in particular land controlled by State agencies, is a crucial factor for the implementation of the Plan;

- the Committee believe that the Plan should have greater emphasis towards sustainable public transport;
- the Committee recommend that public transport providers be required to increase coordination in the delivery of their services;
- the Committee believe that the Plan should be future proofed for advancements in technology, specifically providing for a mechanism for the inclusion of technological innovation in planning matters;
- the Committee believe that greater emphasis be placed within the Plan on the critical infrastructure needed to allow towns and villages to develop;
- the Committee believe that a clear mechanism be developed for the re-designation of towns and villages if they change in population size. In particular the Plan has to be dynamic to take account of demographic changes;
- the Committee believe that greater emphasis be provided to the establishment of Technological Universities within the Plan;
- the Committee believe that greater emphasis should be given to increasing Ireland's energy security within the Plan with indigenous renewable energy sources given greater priority;
- the Committee believe that greater emphasis should be provided within the Plan to urban renewal and the re-adaption of older homes to suit modern living needs;
- the Committee believe that Figure 7.2 *Areas for Cross-Border Local Co-ordination, Co-Ordinated Spatial Planning* be amended to read "Develop the critical mass of the Newry-Dundalk-Drogheda area to compete with other larger cities", and/or the creation of Drogheda as a city.
- the Committee believe that the inclusion of measureable targets and annual progress reports be included in the Plan as a form of accountability to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

Conclusion -

The Committee request that the observations and recommendations as outlined in this contribution be taken into account in the final draft of the National Planning Framework.

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Maria Bailey T.D.
Chair
26th October 2017

Appendix I – Committee Membership

Joint Committee on Housing, Planning & Local Government

Deputies

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: Maria Bailey (Fine Gael)

Deputies

Pat Casey (Fianna Fáil) (Vice Chair)

Ruth Coppinger (Solidarity-PBP)

Barry Cowen (Fianna Fáil)

Mattie McGrath (Rural Independent Group)

Eoin O Broin (Sinn Féin)

Fergus O'Dowd (Fine Gael)

Senators

Victor Boyhan (Independent)

Paudie Coffey (Fine Gael)

Jennifer Murnane O'Connor (Fianna Fáil)

Grace O'Sullivan (Green Party)

Appendix II – Copy of Motions

Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann:

(i) a thabhairt dá haire:

- go bhfuil comhairliúcháin leathan déanta cheana féin le páirtithe leasmhara agus leis an bpobal ar bhonn náisiúnta, réigiúnach agus áitiúil ó cuireadh tús den chéad uair le hullmhúcháin don Chreat Pleanála Náisiúnta, tar éis breith a thug an Rialtas in 2014, chun a chinntiú go mbeidh ionchur agus tacaíocht ann ón tús ón bpobal agus ó shaoránaigh, agus le lucht déanta beartas agus eagraíochtaí ionadaíocha a bhfuil tábhacht leo;
- gur foilsíodh an dréachtChreat Pleanála Náisiúnta, dar teideal ‘Éire 2040 – Ár bPlean’, agus na tuarascálacha comhshaoil a ghabhann leis, le haghaidh na tréimhse deireanaí comhairliúcháin leis an bpobal; agus
- na cuspóirí ardleibhéil seo a leanas de chuid an Chreata Pleanála Náisiúnta:
 - forbairt na hÉireann sna 20 bliain nó níos mó atá romhainn a threorú, agus an méadú de mhilliún duine a mheastar a thiocfaidh ar ár ndaonra, an 660,000 post breise a bhfuiltear ag súil leo agus an gá atá le 550,000 teaghais nua á dtabhairt san áireamh;
 - a chumasú do dhaoine cónaí in áiteanna is cóngaraí dá n-áit oibre, agus deireadh a chur le treochtaí comaitéireachta an lae inniu nach bhfuil aon dealramh leo;
 - tuath na hÉireann a athnuachan trí phatrúin fáis inmharthana a chur chun cinn;
 - dáileadh is fearr fáis réigiúnaigh a phleanáil agus a chur i ngníomh ó thaobh fostaíochta agus ratha de;
 - lonnaitheachtaí, idir bheag agus mhór, a athrú ó bhonn trí thionscnaimh chruthaitheacha athnuachana uirbí agus

That Dail Eireann:

(i) notes:

- the extensive stakeholder and public consultation already undertaken at national, regional and local level since the National Planning Framework preparations first began, following a Government decision in 2014, to ensure early input and buy-in at community and citizen level, as well as with key policy-makers and representative organisations;
- the publication of the draft National Planning Framework, entitled ‘Ireland 2040 - Our Plan’, and its associated environmental reports, for a further final period of public consultation; and
- the high-level objectives of the National Planning Framework to:
 - guide the future development of Ireland over the next 20 plus years, taking into account a projected one million increase in our population, an expected 660,000 additional jobs and the need for 550,000 more homes;
 - enable people to live closer to where they work, moving away from the current unsustainable trends of increased commuting;
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heart of villages, towns and cities; and

— seachadadh bonneagair agus seirbhísí a chomhordú maille le fás trí chomhordú a dhéanamh idir an Creat Pleanála Náisiúnta, an Plean Infheistíochta Caipitil, 2016–2021 agus pleananna earnála iomchuí, rud a bheidh ina chabhair leis an bhfás seo a bhainistiú agus le dul i ngleic le fadhbanna ó thaobh brú tráchta agus chaighdeán na beatha de;

— co-ordinate delivery of infrastructure and services in tandem with growth, through full alignment between the National Planning Framework, the Capital Investment Plan 2016–2021 and relevant sectoral plans, which will help to manage this growth and tackle congestion and quality of life issues;

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(iii) a aithint go ndéanfar tuilleadh forbartha ar an straitéis agus ar an gcur chuige i gcoitinne trí na Straitéisí Spáis agus Eacnamaíochta Réigiúnacha atá le forbairt ag Tionóil Réigiúnacha an Deiscirt, an Tuaiscirt agus an Iarthair, agus an Oirthir agus Lár Tíre faoi dheireadh na bliana 2018.

(iii) acknowledges that the broad strategy and approach will be developed further through the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies to be developed by the Southern, Northern and Western, and Eastern and Midlands Regional Assemblies by the end of 2018.

Tá Seanad Éireann tar éis an tOrdú seo a leanas a dhéanamh:

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