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RE: Submissions to National Planning Framework 2040:

Dear Eoghan,

Following on from numerous representations and to ensure people have time to make their views known on how to tackle regional imbalances I call on you to extend the timeline for submissions to the National Planning Framework.

This document should not be rushed as at present there are major omissions and a Dublin centric approach.

As currently framed there is no serious attempt to address regional imbalances.

It lacks positive plans for Tipperary, Shannon Airport and the Mid West Region. Limerick, Cork and Galway have potential to form an Atlantic corridor that would challenge the economic dominance of the greater Dublin region.

But people need time to read the draft framework and formulate detailed responses.

The time period to make submissions is very short.

This framework will be in place for more than two decades so it is really important that all voices are heard. Extending the deadline into December would allow this.

I await your immediate reply on this very crucial issue.

Kind Regards,

Alan Kelly TD