

NPF Submissions
Forward Planning Section
Department of Housing, Planning
Community and Local Government
Custom House
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2.2.01.05 Draft NPF CAP Submission

Re: Submission to Draft National Planning Framework

Dear Sir/Madam

We welcome the publication of the draft document *Ireland 2040 - Our Plan*.

In our original submission in March of this year, we requested that the following be considered in the development of the National Planning Framework (NPF):

- That Cork be designated as a national population growth centre;
- Alignment of population and employment growth;
- Provide requisite infrastructure to support continued growth and prosperity;
- To support continued growth in connectivity at Cork Airport; and to
- Support the strong education base of Cork.

We welcome the broad acknowledgement of these issues in the draft NPF. We would also request having regard to the island nature of Ireland, and to the importance of international connectivity to Cork and the surrounding region, that the following specific objective be included in the final approved NPF.

Recommendation – Inclusion of the following enabler on p.55:

Continued growth of connectivity at Cork Airport enabling a two-way trade and tourism exchange into and out of the region.

We look forward to the publication of the final document, and to examining in further detail, the issues which arise at the next policy level of the RSES.

In conclusion, we welcome the publication of the draft NPF document which seeks in its own words to provide a spatial expression of national policy, national guidance and national priorities. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or clarifications on any of the above.



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