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We attach our submission to the above.

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SUBMISSION TO DRAFT IRELAND 2040 OUR PLAN

Provisions mentioned without comment indicate our support.

4 Planning for Diverse Rural Places

4.2 NPO 13

We submit that you should include an additional sentence placed after the 1st sentence: *The attractiveness and integrity of which of our world-renowned landscape are central to Ireland's tourism.* See NSS 3.5.3 1st para last pt.

We submit that you should include an additional **NPO**: *Protect and, where possible, provide access to amenities and natural Heritage, AONB, archaeological sites and National Monuments, coastal areas, geological Sites, historic churches and graveyards, inland waterways, islands, peatlands and wetlands.*

4.5 Open Countryside

Para in bold

4.6 Agriculture We submit that you should include a **NPO**: *Recognise and support the role of farmers as custodians of the natural resources of the countryside.* See NSS 5.2.3 4th para 3rd pt.

Forestry We submit that you should include a **NPO**: *Provide access to Forestry(including private forestry).*

Note As private forestry attracts substantial Government grants we submit that reasonable access should be available.

5 People, Homes and Communities

5.3 NPO 26

Para to the left of photo

6 Realising our Island and Maritime Potential

6.4 NPO 43a

8 Realising Our Sustainable Future

8.3 Green Infrastructure 1st para

Natural Heritage

Landscape

NPO 59

We note that the Draft appears to have not carried forward several excellent provisions in the NSS for no apparent reason. We would ask you to re-visit this.

These are:

1 The **NSS** in Chpts 3 & 5 recognises the importance of tourism including visitors from urban areas to rural areas. In particular we would refer you to the following:

Tourism

5.2.2 Box 5.1 Strategic Tourism Opportunities 4,

Inland Waterways Circuits – opportunities to develop tourism by linking waterways and creating circuits linking urban settlements and waterways in the Border and Midlands area also to develop the river valleys of the South East

2 5.2.3 7th para 1st phrase,

Foster rural tourism through forests long distance walking routes(including rights of way).

3 6.3 Statutory Support 4th para last sentence last phrase 2nd pt,

The Minister for the Environment and Local Government will apply the provisions of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2000(as amended) to determine that city and

county development plans , as far as practicable, are consistent with the NSS (now NPF).

We submit that you should also include additional **NPOs**:

A Encourage walking, cycling and other active countryside recreational activities.

B Protect our environment from potentially damaging activities such as extraction and mining, land reclamation, electrical transmission, telecommunication antennae, noise generating sports and inappropriate rural tourism development.

C Protect views and prospects

We presume that you will be monitoring the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 in respect of Part 3 7 National Planning Framework. We would draw your attention to 20C(2) (b) last phrase & (d) & 5.

Interaction between the above mentioned Bill and the NPG: Presumably it was the Government's intention that the Planning Bill would have been enacted prior to the drawing up of the NPF. Consequentially we trust that a supplementary submission will be accepted when the Bill is enacted

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