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To whom it may concern,

The Transition Galway 2030 Vision document is available in pdf form at

<https://avisionforgalway2030.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/vd-bookleta4interactive.pdf>.

We would like to make the following summary points in a local context in relation to the Galway e NPF:

Transport:

1. Scaling from a global context to local Electric Cars are not going to be a solution to Ireland or Galway's in the context of the impending Climate Mega Crisis. This is because the embodied energy of the typical car is consumes close to the average person's allowable 2 tonnes (calculated by the UN annual Carbon footprint and that's allowing for 20 year ownership which is not typical.
2. Priority needs to be getting people off roads as fast as possible in order to avert this crisis.
3. The number one Public Transport Initiative identified by local sustainability stakeholders in Galway is Light Rail. This has also been stated by Conor Faughnan of AA Roadwatch as the priority action.

Housing

1. While in the past supporting Ardaun, the Galway City Community Network to which Transition Galway is a member have identified that this plan is now set to fail. The quality of life of a new town surrounded by motorways and dual carriageways on all sides and dividing the new town down the member is incompatible with any degree of quality of life. For this reason we would advocate re populating the City Centre which is currently falling in population.

Out 2030 Vision can also be accessed at <https://avisionforgalway2030.wordpress.com>. The website also features a series of films summarising each of the 8 sections.

In each section of the document there is first an explanation of the challenges we face. Also the subheading of each solution outlines which organisations or groups are seen as the change makers to implement that solution.

We hope that this document will in some way go towards creating a better, more resilient Galway and Ireland by 2030. The ideas in the document transposed to many locations and indeed many of the ideas are at National rather than regional level which require Government support to implement.

Regards,

Kieran Cunnane, Caoimhín Ó Maolallaigh, Claire Byrne, Bernard McGlinchey, Coralie Mureau and Mary Greene on behalf of Transition Galway.

Ends:

FYI the categories and subcategories of solutions are as follows:

ARTS & CULTURE

Galway Craft Gallery

Environmental Film Screenings

Galway Environmental Film Awards

Making Festivals, Events and Venues Greener

Neighbourhood Festivals

Collaboration between Artists

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

Galway City Council becomes a Council in Transition

A Vibrant Local Democracy

An Expanded Local Agenda 21 Scheme

Community Celebrations

Green Events

Support Intentional

Communities

and Engineers	A Vibrant Voluntary Sector
An Environmental Festival for Galway	Poster Booths for Community Events
Commissioning Environmental Documentaries	A Resilient Youth
Re-establish a Social Space	Emphasis on Practical Education
Promotion of the Irish Language	More Distance Learning
A Vibrant Local Media	Environmental Education Broadcasting
Actively Creative Citizens	Intergenerational Learning
Greater Engagement between Artists and Community Groups	Community Day for All Education in the Community
Sustainable Themes, Materials and Methods in Art	Green Educational Infrastructure & Practices
Eco-fashion	More Lifelong Education
Promote Local Artistic Talent	Education in Sustainability
Use Public Spaces More Creatively	Jobs in Urban Sustainable Food Production
More Outdoor Performance Spaces	Galway Sports Day/Week Green Pastimes
Postcards from 2030	
Ethical Design/CoCreators	
<u>ECONOMICS</u>	<u>ENERGY</u>
A Truly Sustainable Economic System	Low Energy Lifestyles Energy Efficiency
Green Jobs	Centre for Practical
Education & Research on	

Alternative Economics	Sustainability for Galway
Steady State Economy	Energy Storage
Social Enterprise	Combined Heat and Power
More Fairtrade	Novel Use of the Gas Grid
Divestment from Dirty Industries	Compressed Air Technologies
A Strong Ethical Banking Sector	Energy Efficient New and Existing Buildings
Shorter Working Week Models	An Oil-Free Galway by 2030
Alternative Methods of Trading	Electric Vehicles (EVs)
A Local Currency (Corribs)	Energy-producing Gyms
Make Ecological Limits Central to Decision Making	Single Wind Turbines in the City
Cap and Share	Stoves Instead of Open Fireplaces
The "Natural Economy of Life"	Clean Solid Fuels
Financial Services for a Sustainable Local Economy	Tidal and Hydro Energy
A Sustainable Ocean Economy	Fuel Poverty Alleviation
Focus on Wellbeing	Energy Research, Collaboration and Outreach
Localisation	Bioenergy
A Green Chamber of Commerce	Solar Power Potential – Solar Thermal & PhotoVoltaic (PV)
Share Economy	Autoproduction
Green Procurement	
Green Taxes, Grants & Other	

Supports

Green Production & Services

Climate Change Mitigation &
Adaption

Micro-Generation Energy Co-Ops

Financing Local Low Carbon Energy Projects

FOOD & WATER

A Sustainable Water Supply System

Sustainable Fishing

Sustainable Aquaculture

Biodiverse Farms

Sustainable Healthy Diet

Support Slow Food

Re-skilling in Food Production

Reintroduction of Draught Animals

New Outdoor Markets

A 7-Day Indoor Food Market for Galway

More Mixed Farms & Smallholdings

Intensive Organic Market Gardening

Urban Food Gardens & Agriculture

Stronger Local Organic Dairy Sector

Re-skilling in Food Production

Openness to Alternative Growing Ideas

Permaculture Design/Natural Farming and Organic Farming

INFRASTRUCTURE

A Revolution in Public Transport

Good Planning and Quality Urban
Design

A More Compact City

Mixed-Use Planning

New Medium/High Density City
Centre Developments

New Housing along the Rail Line
and a New Suburb

New Purpose-Built Student
Housing

New Suburban Village District
Centres

A Walking-Friendly City

Multiple-Use of Facilities

An Integrated Transport System

Inter-Modal Transport Hubs

Suburban Rail for Galway

Fully Reopen the Western Rail

More Local Food Processing

Sustainable Beverages

Research into Sustainable Agriculture

A Strong Local Food Distribution System

Animal Food and Feed

Human Sewerage as a Resource for Use on Productive Land

Growing Hemp and Flax

Food Growing in a Changing Climate

Expand the “Made in Galway” Brand

Locally Grown Flowers

Sustainable and Api-centric Beekeeping

Agroforestry

Local Plant Varieties and Rare Breeds

Galway Sustainable Garden Awards “Dig Your Lawn Awards”

Community Tree Nurseries

Ruralisation

INNER TRANSITION

Pause

Quiet Spaces

Natural Hospital Food

Looking at Values

Corridor

Improve Existing Rail Services

A Light Rail System for Galway

A World Class Bus Service

A Truly Cycling-Friendly Galway

More Cycling & Walking Trails

Expand Galway Bike Scheme

Greener Motoring

Revitalise the Canals

Quality Green Public Areas

Biodiverse Landscaping

Green Building Design

A Sustainable Water Supply System

A Flourishing Terryland Forest Park

A Thriving Merlin Woods

Local Climate Change Adaptation

Ruralisation

Ecological Burials

Dreams and Visions

Quality of Life

WASTE

Makerspaces

A Fab Lab for Galway

'Give Boxes' for Galway

Flea Markets & Car Boot Sales

Used Goods Websites

Charity Shops

Home & Business Waste Auditors/Consultants

Ecological Cleaning Products

Reusing Cooking Oil

Cloth Nappies

Composting & Wormeries

Continued Education & Public Awareness

Environmental Footprint Rating of Products

More Renovation and Repairs

Waste Segregation in Fast Food Outlets

Research & Development into Sustainable Manufacturing,
Production and Services

Tackling Litter

Compost Toilets

Plant-based Wastewater Treatment

Anaerobic Digestion

