Dear Sir/Madam,

The following are ten areas of focus for our 2040 Plan and in no order of priority.

-Investment in mass public transportation systems for the relatively low cost and efficient movement of people to their workplace.

-Infrastructure development and subsidies for renewable energy sources and power generation e.g. off shore wind, wave, solar power generation.

- Development of a light rail system for Dublin Airport & Cork Airport.

- Greater strategic investment in the motorway networks.

- Greater support through the planning process and investment for the development of recreation and leisure pursuits e.g. better network of walking routes, cycling routes, access to the countryside and sustainable accommodation.

- Investment and national public education on resource consumption and wastage e.g. waste generation, options and clarity for waste minimisation and the circular economy, water conservation/usage, food wastage, energy efficiency.

- Support schemes whereby domestic and small commercial operators can generate electricity and feed into the national grid.

- Support and sustain a greater investment in the wider apprenticeships trades and the traditional trades, with the formal support of local businesses and industry.

-Greater control, research and analysis by government investment in the Environmental Sector e.g. waste, water, renewable energy.

- Government policy and a greater focus on resource consumption and inefficiency – focus on eco taxation and internalising the environmental externalities.

Kind regards, Vip Patel

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