

IRELAND 2014 Our Plan

Hi,

I ask that a better Public Consultation process be carried out on this document.

There are many matters I wish to comment on but the length of the message here is too short.

Therefore I am attaching this as a file.

The breakdown of the doc is very good.

I am in my early 50's and I have worked in Ireland for most of my career.

I qualified as a Civil Engineer.

I trust that in writing this that I am not wasting my time and that it will be duly considered

I offer this information as background to what I wish to say:

1. The Planning Process in Ireland needs a radical overhaul. I am not in the least surprised by the Athenry Data Centre stand off in Planning terms.

Two km from my home is a working wind farm.

On the other side some 2.5km there is an application for another. This application was refused by the Planning Dept of the Local Authority. The Bord Pleanala inspector examined the matter and also refuse same. Yet the board of an Bord Pleanala granted this. The board that made that decision did not give as much thought to this application as the professional planners that looked at it.

In the current environment these wind developments are devaluing my property, I should be compensated for that. Good tax credits should be attached to each property affected by wind turbines.

I am paying an unacceptable PSO level to subsidise the wind industry.

My electricity in my home is not cheaper due to the arrival of these wind farms .

The wind over our country is being used by a few to become very rich on the back of the rest of us in Ireland. The value of my property should not be affected by these works.

The Guidelines on Wind Farms dates back to 2006 and successive politicians have promised and promised new Guidelines. Where are they ? They are probabaly been delayed due to vested interest.

Unfortunately I predict that the Wind Industry will be the next white elephant that Ireland will fall foul of. If the massive subsidies to the wind industry were removed then the true value of these projects would be clearly visable.

2. Ireland is an island nation and yet we have a very poor national fishing industry. This matter needs to be turned around.
3. Property ,, there is too much empty property and unfinished property all around our country. In Dublin there are plenty vacant buildings or sections of buildings. Vacant properties should be heavily taxed and neglected or abandoned properties should be taxed

even more. The policy in Jersey Island is exactly what I have stated above neglected and abandoned properties. We need a far stronger CPO policy. Some local authorities are doing CPOs on abandoned properties and Ireland should have a far stronger and robust policy on this front.

4. The Health care system needs a radical overhaul. We need more beds and more staff. We need less managers and less reports and more care of the person and far less ward closures.
5. The Irish Legal system needs to be overhauled and people called as witnesses should not be sitting in court waiting to be called for days on end. What is that costing our economy.
6. The Banks need to be overhauled and start working for the people of Ireland.
7. Our transport system needs to be properly supported and stop bashing public transport and we need better support for Electric vehicle.

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