

The most important things that must be acted on in the coming years in Ireland in my opinion are set out below:

- Renewable Energy – every county and every locale should have an area set out for a renewable energy plan that attaches easily to the grid and is serviceable by main road.
- A revised tendering process for building government infrastructure using the [BIM](#) system to reduce costs but also to increase speed in completing projects
- A hard and fast, and widely enforced planning and zoning regime that is created by communicating with local councils and local planning bodies, but is ultimately overseen by a national body laid down in statute.
- A better telecommunications structure for the country – the NBP from Eircom is a good start, but there needs to be changes made to government websites to make them accessible, key services need to be put online and access to government and local council schedules, meetings and business should be made clear so that people can meet with their democratically elected officials.
- Better transport infrastructure – this is a problem that will bring a complete halt to all business interest in Ireland, and is thus in our interest to bring in. No company wants to set up offices and rent or build a car park. Light rails are perfect for cities, but the true rail is neglected in Ireland with many lines having only one track and thus making it impossibly and unnecessarily slow. Train infrastructure must be improved. Taxes should be levied on cars, vehicles passing through the city centre and other large towns during certain hours, and on fuel for private vehicles. Bicycles should be made available and subsidised. Improved bus corridors that are separate from cycle lanes would be a good start.
- Housing plan – there needs to be a housing plan that helps bolster rural areas and attract business, while at the same time being located on areas that are easily built upon and easily commuted with. There needs to be plans made with transport authorities for opening up new bus routes, and there needs to be road improvements made to suit this.
- The Natura 2000 and other protected sites under the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive need to be adhered to and protected. A watchdog should be set up to protect these sites. Not just that but we need to slowly phase out the use of Irish peat for fuel or for industry and export over the next ten years. We will never get our raised bogs back, but it is needless and incredibly unsustainable damage.
- Ordinance survey maps and Aerial Photographs need to be taken at least once every 2 years of the entire country and these need to have access to the zoning info of every locale. This gives power to the third party watchdogs who will call out corruption.