



Connemara Chamber

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National Planning Framework
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Custom House,
Dublin,
D01 W6X0

10th September 2024

RE: Submission on the revised National Planning Framework

To whom it may concern,

The Connemara Chamber would like to make a submission towards the revised National Planning Framework.

The Chamber would like to inform you that it only recently became aware of the deadline and invitation for submissions to the NPF.

The Chamber exists to represent businesses, organisations and individuals in the Connemara region.

Over recent years the Chamber have become extremely concerned about the lack of housing and the severe planning difficulties for local people to build a family house in the area which they live and have had lived for generations and often on family lands.

The Chamber recently conducted a survey of the Connemara population on the topics of Housing, Planning and Roads. The survey ran from 17th April 2024 to 14th May 2024 with 859 responses. Please find the survey results attached to be included in the submission.

As you will see from the staggering response to the survey and comments attached therein, it is the overwhelming view of the local population that people should be allowed build a family home in the area they have lived for generations thereby supporting the local economy and stemming the decline in the rural population.

The declining and aging population have been a source of long-term concerns for the vibrancy of Connemara's social and economic future. The Chamber is strongly in favour of individuals wishing to live and work in the area to build on their own land.

Thank you in advance for including this submission in the National Planning Framework.

Kind Regards,

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(*On behalf of the Connemara Chamber Committee*)

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