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I wish to make the following submissions in relation to the forthcoming National Planning Framework.

1. Submissions to planning applications or objections should be confined to residents or interested parties within the Local Authority Area where the planning application is made who feel that they may be negatively affected by such planning.
This would also give the right to the prescribed bodies to make observations.
2. As it is at present the Local Planning Authority must give a decision within eight weeks of receiving a proper application for planning. If a planning decision is appealed to An Bord Pleanala there should also be a fixed time table for a decision to be made by the Bord Pleanala.
3. Where a planning application is made for the construction of an applicants first home the present restriction that apply should be abolished . Such applicants should not be penalised if they were born, reared and went to school within a town, city or an area where a Local Plan Applies. They should not be required to have blood links to the area. The experience at present is that these would be applicants are forced to rent and will never be able to afford the home they wish to provide for their family. Just because you happen to live in a particular area and application by such a person is regarded as Urban Generated Development.
4. Where a family move to a particular area for employment or to reside they should not be forced to live in a city, town or within an area where a Local Plan applies. Many of those applicants come in the first place from a Rural area and wish to live in a Rural area subject to Enviroemental and Safety requirement being met.
5. Where a person wishes to downsize for one reason or another and wants to make an planning application for a smaller house within their community such applications should be looked on favourably.
6. Shared entrances/exits from houses should be looked on favourably particularly along regional roads with good sightlines for planning and would ensure better land use.
7. When a planning application is granted the Local Planning Authority should inspect the development prior to it coming into use to ensure that all the planning conditions are being met.
8. That elected members should be furnished with all circulars in relation to planning matters and any changes to planning arising from the European Court of Justice. In the past locally elected members who have a reserved function on County Development Plans have not been kept up to date with such developments and as a result such plans do not conform to EU standards.

I sincerely hope that the above will feed into the New Planning Frameworks document as these are the practical difficulties that I am dealing with on a daily basis from constituents.

Signed. Jim Cuddy, Ind. Councillor, Galway County Council.

Regards, Jim

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