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To: National Planning Framework
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Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed my submission in relation to the Draft of Ireland 2040 – Our Plan (second stage submission)

I previously made a number of separate submissions to the NPF in March 2017. Some of these were self originated Design / Development Propositions that I had originated and were already at Developed Design Stage. These included Proposals for Sligo Docklands , Waterford North Quays and Courtyards at the Four Courts . Please find enclosed URL links to updated versions of my earlier submissions below with comments for secondary Ireland 2040 submission below

1. Waterford North Quays

<http://www.dmurphyarchitect.com/imageneering/waterford-north-quays-sdz>

I support the case for Funding for the Infrastructure required to kickstart the North Quays Development. I support any measures that are implemented to ensure that high quality Architecture and Placemaking is to the forefront of Development for Waterfords North Quays. Substantial Investment and Development is to be welcomed if it improves the Urban fabric of the City and is 'of its place'. Large Blocks of Commercial Development especially Retail are very difficult to resolve in Aesthetic terms and careful attention must be given to the Massing , Form and articulation of Development Proposals. Blending of contemporary Design with subtle interpretation of Historic Architectural Forms associated with eras in Waterfords History would be a direction worth exploring. This might include steep Gables (South and North facing) to the topmost floors of several structures to make for an interesting Quayfront.

2. Sligo

<http://www.dmurphyarchitect.com/sligo-2040>

Proposition for Docklands as per March 2017 but with more detail and extrapolation on what Buildings might be desirable within a broader Sligo Docklands Development. There is Justification for a Large Cultural Building by taking into account the high likelihood of significant future Archaeological finds from Rathcroghan and Knoxpark (both of which have potential to be Archaeological complexes of Major National Importance), and the possibility of further Spanish Armada finds on the North West Coast.

In relation to Sligo itself - I read that the estimated projection for population growth of Sligo Town by 2040 is 25% . This suggests that Sligo Town would grow from approx 28000 people to 35000 by 2040 which I would contend falls far short of Sligos capacity and potential. I would question whether this 25% projected increase is sufficient to establish a thriving Regional center for the North West. It would appear to relate to organic growth only with no provision for targeted investment or catalysts. I would suggest that 50,000 should be the minimum target for growth of Sligo Town into a City by 2040 with a series of Phased Developments to mitigate against Downturns and Market Saturation.

3. Four Courts

<http://www.dmurphyarchitect.com/imageneering/courtyards-at-the-four-courts>

I have added a 2 storey option to this proposition and suggest a future viewing plaza on Merchants Quay

and consider future pedestrian bridge link/s. Suggest near or mid term works to the roads / footpaths opposite the Four Courts on Inns and Merchants Quays (dedicated cycle lanes , public walkways , traffic planning) should allow for the possibility that Four Courts could be a World Class Museum attraction.

4. Family Apartment suggestion - as per March 2017

5. Suggestion for Health Villages for Retired / Elderly Citizens - as per March 2017 + add suggestion that more consideration given to design of humane retirement homes (both New Build and Renovations) . More emphasis on quality of private spaces and connection with Gardens etc.

6. withdraw suggestion no 6 for New City in North West midlands - Focus on Sligo instead

7. Reiterate Suggestion As per Mar 2017

8. For previous suggestion that First time buyers be offered option to buy shell and core and fit out - this should have read 'Builders Finish'

9. New suggestion - some State owned Park Land in Dublin may be suitable for well designed mid to high rise Apartments incorporating a high level of amenity / balcony space / greenery. Does Phoenix Park need to be quite so large ? Certain areas could be suitable for building - ie. the South Edge between Chapelizod and Heuston has potential for high quality development and for a Luas extension. Singapore could be used as reference for good quality Tall Buildings in Parkland Setting . refer URL

<http://www.dmurphyarchitect.com/city-housing/phoenix-periphery>

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making submissions as Citizen. In future I may be an Owner / Director / Consultant / Employee of an Architectural Practice / Services Company or Similar Commercial Venture.

FootNote:

Submissions 1 to 4 inclusive and no. 9 were originated and developed entirely by myself in a solo capacity prior to initiation of Ireland 2040 or Creative Ireland campaigns. They constitute Propositions with Significant Potential Commercial Value and are creative intellectual property. The Work contained within these submissions may be the subject of future Commercial Ventures between myself and third parties (Developers etc)

There is I believe, a substantial degree of overlap between any Commercial Value inherent in them and the Greater Common good , therefore I am submitting them for consideration under Ireland 2040. A considerable amount of work and personal expense has been expended on my part in developing these

propositions to date. I am open to all discussion / approaches as to how these Propositions can be advanced whether by the Private Sector or by engagement with Govt. Departments / State Bodies etc. Conditions apply

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