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Dear whom it may concern,

Within the “Ireland 2040- Our Plan” framework, many intended objectives caught my attention for many different reasons. I found many aims that I agreed with, and equally intentions that I disagreed with that have been set out by the government for Ireland’s future over the next 20 years.

As a student studying Environmental Health in DIT, studying Environmental impacts and planning policies, and as a young woman who has grown up in the town of Drogheda, I am extremely angered and confused as to why Drogheda, the largest populated town in Ireland has not been mentioned once from cover to cover of the National Framework Directives plan.

Drogheda, with a population of almost 70’000 people in the Greater Drogheda area has a great tradition of industry, located on a main rail line, M1 motorway and a port, and also as close to the airport as Dublin. When connected to its recent residential developments, the town has a bigger population than the city of Waterford and is coming close to that of Limerick city. The 2040 plan in our opinion appears to be politically motivated and hurried in this regard and the potential of Drogheda has not been recognised or considered for city status. For this reason, among many other we are not in support of this area of the document.

With not one plan in place for its potential city status, with no plan to strengthen transport connections, with no scope for the towns ability to grow, I urge that this is revisited with the considerable amount of reports on this matter for these reasons amongst many others.

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