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To whom it may concern,

First of all, thank you for the opportunity of submitting recommendations for the 2040 plan. I have lived in Cork for 27 years, and just have two recommendations specifically for that city.

Apartments: Housing is a critical issue for the Cork city. In the past (and presently, to my annoyance) development has focused on creating suburban estates 5-20 miles outside the city centre. While there is a good road system linking the suburbs with the city, the city centre itself is ill equipped to handle large volumes of commuter traffic. There has been far too little emphasis on producing good quality apartments in the city centre that make living here desirable for young professionals and their families. These apartments are all over European cities. Cork does not have an overpopulation problem, the city centre could do with an extra 10000 residents - it would be a great boost to the economy, but this is only if quality and sufficient accommodation (BOTH social and upmarket is built in the city centre. The Fás building is a prime site for such a development. The council should not leave this to private contractors and should take an active role in developing these projects, with government help.

The Docks: If Cork is to reach its full potential over the next 20 years, and attract another 100-200000 residents, then the docks will have to be developed as a new centre. This is already beginning with offices, but before bars, restaurants can survive down there it will have to be better linked with the city. A light (electric) rail service running from Pairc uí Caoimh, along the docks and out the western road past UCC, perhaps to Bishopstown would make the city/education centres) incredible accessible, make getting home safer for thousands of people, boost the economy, allow Pairc uí Caoimh to become a more used venue, and generally be great for the city.

If both these plans happened over the next 20 years, Cork would be a vibrant place indeed!

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