

NPF Submissions,
Forward Planning Section,
Department of Housing, Planning,
Community and Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin D01 W6X0



2nd February 2017

RE: Submission on 2040

Dear Sirs

In order to balance Dublin with the rest of the county (instead of the rest of the country becoming part of Dublin!), those in charge of decision making in Dublin council need to be replaced with forward-thinking representatives that will allow buildings to be built upwards. This is currently not happening and is a serious impediment to the correct type of growth for all involved.

By extending development outwards instead of building upwards, country sprawl will continue, commuting distances will continue to rise, the impact on roads, environment, health, congestion etc will continue to get worse.

Alternate and ready-developed cities need to be promoted, funded and backed by the IDA to get growth in other areas of the country. Thousands of people from Munster, Connaught and elsewhere want to work in the West of Ireland but are forced to work in Dublin as the Government, for the most part, promote development in the East.

Cork and Limerick are two cities which have massive opportunities for development, with developed industries, airports, roads etc already in place. The Limerick to Cork motorway should be developed as a point of priority in order to bring the two cities together.

Every country in the world has a sister-capital city in the country, where the two vie off each other. Sydney v Melbourne, New York v LA or Chicago, London v Leeds etc. Dublin doesn't have this, except possibly for Cork and Limerick. Promote these two cities and get the counter to Dublin that has been badly needed to give people a country that's truly great to live in.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D Fahey'.

Michael D Fahey