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As a student of architecture and having grown up in the suburban landscape closely attached to our capital city, my primary concern with the proposed key aims of the Ireland 2040 Plan is the lack of consideration for the how the individual experiences society.

In none of the 10 key questions asked is there a consideration for *how* the micro world of a person is addressed and how they want to live. The planning concerns in Ireland seem to address economic and zoning development aims on a national scale more than trying to solve the crises of liveability occurring in all the urban centres across the country which in reality has a greater effect on the quality of a persons life.

I believe we should encourage any interventions and initiatives which brings a quality of life back into the urban realm and enhances the quality of life between buildings. The sprawl of Dublin further outwards needs to be stopped as it has created low-density commuter towns where the way people live revolves around the car. Our urban areas have been laid out and developed depending on function. The quality of the urban environment in Dublin is not good enough. This is due a to lack of good quality public spaces in a variety of different scales and an unbelievably poor quality public transport/ cycling infrastructure for a city of Dublin's size. We must make Dublin and other urban centres attractive places to live, work and visit. Since the 1960's, Copenhagen has shifted the city's aims towards the pedestrian and the user under the stewardship of urbanists such as Jan Gehl. Today it is one of the most liveable cities in the world so perhaps learning from this example Dublin and Ireland's urban spaces in 2040 could be some of the most liveable in the world.

Regards,

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