
Ireland 2040 Our Plan

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Ireland is at the peak of its own potential energy, possessing an overall attraction for young individuals, enterprises, and technologies. The nation is on a brink of a rapid advancement, as the population is expected to increase by over a million in the next couple of decades. The Issues and Choice Paper extensively informs the reader of all the changes expected to occur, and exhausts all the values that the Planning Committee deems crucial to the development of urban Ireland.

The document holds itself as an indisputable and conclusive datum for facts and statistics, however, I find myself eager for the answers succeeding each of the "What's Next?" sections. In 2040, I view Ireland in a vertical manner. The respect for keeping the building heights at a modest scale will be lost to the surrounding apartment complexes and office buildings pushed to the outside of the city-center. The outskirts of the compacted city center will be a stadium of medium to high rises, including the Dublin Docklands, Grand Canal, The Point, and even west-ward towards Phoenix Park. Not to be considered as negative advancement, vertical growth could be executed in a characterized and cultural way. The foremost advantage that Ireland and the UK has over other progressive urban environments, is the desire of young and skilled employees to reside and work in Ireland.

I am an American myself, I moved to Ireland when I was 18 to attend University College Dublin. From my knowledge, English speakers want a familiar, culturally-attainable, urban, yet foreign setting. Ireland is becoming much more diverse, and by fostering communities and housing that accommodates for social interaction between cultures could be the basis of positive development. Young adults seek other young adults, housing complexes that are communal, facilitate social living, and placed in convenience to the work place could be a pivotal strategy in attracting and sustaining the growing population. This is simply one aspect of the overall 2040 Plan, as there is so much information and realms of development, and I believe Ireland can achieve great things through careful succession of each of the Planning Committee's values.