

North Cork Road/Rail Submission

1. M20 Motorway

1. The speedy completion of this motorway is the most vital piece of infrastructure to the south of the country in the next 18 months as we seek to benefit for many opportunities.
2. Going by Mitchelstown sends Limerick traffic into and out of Cork with Dublin and Waterford traffic. This is a mistake that was made with the Red Cow in Dublin which cannot now be fixed. There are huge delays at peak times. Especially with population growth of 1 million people expected, this is not a wise investment.
3. Journey time savings will bring quality of life and business cost savings to bear.
4. Towns along the motorway will benefit as they begin to get their main streets back for shoppers to use with reduced risk of crossing the main road between the country's second and third cities (Gort has become more visitor friendly, with people living and working nearby now able to go to town, park and get about a lot safer)
5. Town like Mallow, Charleville, Ballyhea, Churchtown will become commutable to both Limerick and Cork, allowing for freer changing of jobs as the framework envisages people will
6. There are many vacant houses along the M20 route which could be used by people who would commute both ways as couples, families, house shares.
7. Growing the populations of towns along the motorway would make rural villages nearby viable and make services to them viable as more commuters move to these areas.
8. There are some terrible stretches of road along the current N20 which are very dangerous and will cost lives.

2. North Cork Commuter Rail

1. The growth of Midleton has been huge in recent years. This can be put down to the rail link in part.
2. Commuter rail from Charleville to Cork, with stops on the line at Buttevant, Mallow, Mounse Abbey, Blarney and Kilbarry to benefit individuals and commuters in those areas and commuters to and from them.
3. Enabling young and old to travel to Cork for socialising without the need of a car.