

Submission for NPF Plan 2040

- I would like to see some housing provision in Galway for older people included in the Framework. To include Co-operative housing, Pocket Neighbourhoods (similar plans in USA) where older adults can live in housing clusters in independent units, but with shared facilities, such as bins, wi-fi, laundry etc. Thus enabling them to support each other, have security and not be living in isolation. This would enable people to live in their homes for longer without the need to go into a nursing home.

I would like this to be a mixture where people can buy into the property or have the opportunity to rent/be supported by the council.

- I would also like to see a proper transport system put in place in Galway, a system such as the Luas or Dart, running from Oranmore into town, and out to Spiddal, facilitating links to the University and the Hospital.
- The housing situation in Galway is a serious problem, and I think this should be top of the list for resolution – well before 2040. Rents are at an all time high – there is a serious shortage of available property to rent or to buy.
- I would like to see more regulation on Air BnB in pressure zone cities, such as Galway, Dublin, Cork and Limerick. A recent search on Air BnB found 300 available one bed properties in Galway, with min rent of €85 per night– all of these could be on the open rental market for the thousands of working citizens who cannot find a place to live.
- I would like to see a total make-over of the Promenade area and the buildings on the sea-front. Many visitors are astonished to see how run-down it has become. The lamps are lovely Art-Deco and it would be great to see similar style in the shop fronts/buildings and cafes.
- Finally, I would like to see more pedestrianized areas around the centre of the city – and one-way traffic systems, for example on Presentation road, Mill street and the Dominick street/Henry Street areas.