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Dear Sir/Madam,

Claremorris Chamber of Commerce would like the following points to be taken into consideration for the National Planning Framework:

1. There is little point in having a National Plan, unless the needs of regions outside of Dublin are considered. In reality, this is meaningless unless an application is made by Ireland to the EU for the reinstatement of the cross border route Cork-Limerick-Galway-Sligo-Derry as a **CORE TEN-T** Network.

(A decision was taken by Ireland in October 2011 to remove it from the core TEN. It has since come to light that that decision was taken without any study being undertaken).

2. If Ireland is following a path to build up its cities, such a plan would appear to be doomed to failure, unless the population living in the so called "regions" can access these cities, by the build out of Ireland's motorway and rail infrastructure connecting to cities, other than Dublin.

The relevant points are detailed at www.westernarc.eu

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours Sincerely,

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