



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Draft Ireland 2040 Our Plan

Submission by the Environmental Health Service, Health Service Executive

The Environmental Health Service (EHS) has considered the Draft Ireland 2040 Our Plan document and makes the following submission:

1. The EHS welcomes the recognition of the requirement to have high level strategic link between health and spatial planning and the built environment.
2. The EHS also welcomes the specific incorporation in the strategy of the relevant goals of Healthy Ireland. It is noted that the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) identifies the goals and objectives of Healthy Ireland as a key component of future planning.
3. The EHS welcomes the commitment to modal shift from personal car use to public transport use as this is important link to the National Clean Air Strategy and the National Climate Change Mitigation Strategy. The EHS did not identify clear components of the Draft strategy to achieve modal shift for longer journeys between, for example, the developing urban areas.
4. The EHS recommends that the HSE are included in consultation and/or scoping in any future SEA on plans or policies. The EHS also considers the consultation period on the draft strategy was too short for full public and stakeholder consideration. It is noted that consultation periods for City and County Development Plans are much longer, typically 16 weeks at stage 1 and 10 weeks at stage 2. A National Strategy should have at least an equivalent consultation period.