

I wish to make a submission to Ireland Our Plan National Planning Framework.

I request that the natural and built heritage of Ireland be protected for the future. No country in spite of moving forward growth wise can afford to alienate itself from its surroundings.

Our built heritage buildings both those which are lived in and those which are not should be preserved in their context and natural environment as this is an integral part of their historic past and that of our country.

Ireland is a small country in comparison to most other countries so it is important to retain a national identity whilst being part of Europe.

Our natural heritage in our landscape, both our bogs and soils are a richness which should not be abused by rampant developments, These landscapes are necessary for the fabric of rural Ireland where our rural population have a right to live.

Some current government policies are driving people out of rural Ireland. History has shown that countries who adopt this policy fail and end up in a population imbalance overloading cities.

We have such a rich tapestry in our rural areas which could follow some aspects of the Loire Valley region of France where multiple artisan businesses are thriving bringing employment to local areas instead of looking to multinational interests on big scale levels which does not create inter generational sustainable employment, thereby retaining a thriving rural population.

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