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Re: Material Alterations to the Draft Roscommon Town Local Area Plan, 2024 – 2030

Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) acknowledges receipt of referral of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Roscommon Town Local Area Plan, 2024 – 2030, and welcomes the Proposed Material Alterations arising from the consideration of the Authority's initial submission on the Draft Plan. In relation to other Proposed Material Alterations on display, TII outlines the following observations for the Councils consideration;

1. Material Alteration MA 46

TII notes proposals to zone additional 'New Residential' designated lands to the east of the town between 'The Walk' and the N63, national road. TII's records indicate a 100kph speed limit applies to the N63, national road, at the location concerned.

The Council will be aware that access to a national road, or increased traffic from an existing access to a national road, in such circumstances conflicts with the provisions of Section 2.5 of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012).

Recommendation:

- TII acknowledges that access to the subject lands is available to the local road network and in the interests of adherence with the provisions of official policy, TII would welcome the Local Area Plan confirming that access to the subject lands will be facilitated to the local road network only.

Reason: To ensure conformance with official policy provisions included in NPO 74/NSO 2 and RPO 6.5.

2. Roscommon Town Local Transport Plan

TII's initial submission on the Draft Plan identified the requirement to prepare a Local Transport Plan for Roscommon Town in accordance with RPO 6.27. TII notes the Chief Executive response and recommendations in relation to the preparation of the Roscommon Transport Approaches and Movement Study (RTAMS) (February, 2023), however, TII advises that it has no record of consultation on the RTAMS. Therefore, it is unclear how any national road interactions in the Study have been addressed in accordance with the provisions of official policy.

TII's position in relation to the preparation of a Local Transport Plan remains as set out in the Authority's initial submission on the Draft Local Area Plan of 26 January, 2024.

Recommendation

- The Draft Local Area Plan should be supported by the preparation of a Local Transport Plan prepared in accordance with the TII/NTA Area Based Transport Assessment Guidance (TII Publications Reference PE-PDV-02046) as a means to identify urban sustainable mobility measures complementary to safeguarding the strategic function and safety of the national road network in the area in accordance with Government objectives.
- Local Transport Plan measures should be developed and effect to encourage sustainable mobility complementary to safeguarding the function and levels of safety of the strategic national road network in the area in accordance with Government objectives.
- The Local Transport Plan should acknowledge that works to national roads are required to adhere to TII Publications (Standards), including the submission of Design Reports where required. Policy Objective RN 29 of the Draft Local Area Plan outlines that new development proposals are required to be designed to comply with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. However, given the extensive national road network in the area, TII would also recommend that Policy Objective RN 29 should confirm that where national roads are impacted, designs shall also consider complementary TII Publications requirements.

Reason: To ensure conformance with official policy provisions included in NPO 74/NSO 2, RPO 6.5 and RPO 6.27.

Conclusion

The Authority respectfully requests that the foregoing observations are taken into consideration by the Council prior to the adoption of the Roscommon Local Area Plan, 2024 – 2030.

Yours sincerely,



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