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Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority ('the NTA') welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft *Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2024-2030* and, based on national transport policy, the '*Northern and Western Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032*' and the National Cycle Manual submits the following comments and observations.

Proposed Amendment MA 17

The NTA welcomes Proposed Amendment MA 17 which includes four new objectives. These objectives promote and support the provision of active travel infrastructure and sustainable mobility.

Chief Executive Recommendations

The NTA notes Recommendation 13 of the Chief Executive's Report to publish the Roscommon Transport Approaches and Movement Study.

It is noted that Recommendation 14 includes the insertion of additional text in Section 7.4. It is not clear if this is considered a non-material alteration to the Draft Plan. It does not appear to be included in the *Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan* document.

It does not appear that all the CE recommended objectives have been carried forward into the Material Alterations document, namely proposed objectives:

RN (TBC) Support and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations set out in the Roscommon Town and Approaches Movement Study (RTAMS) in order to achieve an

integrated, multi-modal and accessible public transport network to serve Roscommon town and its hinterland.

RN (TBC) require proposals for new development to have regard to the provisions of the Roscommon Town Approaches and Movement Study (RTAMS) in Appendix 5 and where applicable, to incorporate recommended measures contained in the RTAMS into development proposals.

Recommendation

The NTA's position in relation the preparation of a Local Transport Plan remains as set out in the Authority's initial submission on the Draft Local Area Plan. The Draft Local Area Plan should be supported by the preparation of a Local Transport Plan prepared in accordance with the *Area Based Transport Assessment Guidelines*.

Conclusion

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Local Area Plan, and we would be available to discuss issues arising from the comments made.

Yours sincerely,

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