

**County Development Plan Review,
Forward Planning Section,
Meath County Council Planning and Community Department,
Abbey Road,
Navan,
Co Meath.**

21st April 2011

Re: Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 : Strategic Issues Paper

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Issues Paper for the Meath County Development Plan 2013 – 2019.

The Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 provides that each planning authority within the GDA shall ensure that its development plan is consistent with the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy for the period 2011-2030.

The Authority has published a Draft Transport Strategy and the consultation process for the Draft Transport Strategy is complete. The final document will be amended and completed over the next couple of months and will be submitted to the Minister for Transport for approval.

While the Transport Strategy is a Draft document, the Authority would advise that the County Council reflect the policies, objectives and measures contained within the Draft Transport Strategy in the preparation of the County Development Plan. In particular, the Draft Transport Strategy provides that local transport plans be prepared for each of the Designated Towns and Districts (Measure LU3). These plans comprise the implementation of the relevant measures contained in the Draft Transport Strategy by the local authorities in conjunction with the Authority and will form part

of the County Development Plan once adopted. The Authority will clarify how these plans can be implemented and has agreed to work in partnership with the Council on transport and land use matters in the preparation of the County Development Plan.

We look forward to assisting Meath County Council in the preparation of their Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Planning and Investment