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Re: Draft Monasterevin Local Area Plan 2016 - 2022. Proposed Amendments that Constitute Material Alterations to the Draft Local Area Plan.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment at this stage of the preparation of the Local Area Plan (LAP).

This submission refers to the proposed Material Alteration No. 7, which proposes to revise the text of Section 6.10 of the draft LAP, which contains the policies and objectives for Movement and Transport. The Authority supports the inclusion of reference to its Strategy in the first paragraph of that section, but wishes to clarify that the text should refer to the *Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035*, as that is the current strategic policy document for transport in the Greater Dublin Area. The Authority suggests that the first paragraph of the revised text reads as follows:

The improvement of transport infrastructure in Monasterevin will be a key element in the sustainable development of the town. The Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 seeks to contribute to the economic, social and cultural progress of the Greater Dublin Area by providing for the efficient, effective and sustainable movement of people and goods.

The above wording matches the 'Strategy Purpose' stated in the Draft Transport Strategy document. The remainder of the revised text proposed in Material Alteration No. 7 is appropriate, as it is consistent with objectives of the draft Strategy.

If it is possible to achieve at this stage of the preparation of the LAP, the Authority recommends that policy MT3 in Section 6.10 also be altered to refer to the *Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035*, rather than the previous draft Strategy.

I trust the Authority's comments will be taken into consideration by the planning authority in dealing with the subject application.

Yours sincerely,



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