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Re: Local Area Plan for Greystones-Delgany-Kilcoole Pre-Draft Public Consultation

To whom it may concern

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Draft Public Consultation Issues Booklet for the Greystones-Delgany-Kilcoole Local Area Plan (LAP).

The Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 provides that each planning authority within the GDA shall ensure that its local area plans are consistent with the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy for the period 2011-2030. The Authority has published a draft Transport Strategy, which has been submitted to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport for his consideration. While the Transport Strategy is a draft document, the Authority requests that Wicklow County Council reflect the policies, objectives and measures contained within the draft Transport Strategy in the preparation of the this LAP.

Land Use Planning Issues

Measure LU1, LU2, LU3 and LU4 of the Draft Transport Strategy outline a number of land use planning recommendations that should be considered when preparing the LAP. In particular, the LAP would be strengthened by incorporating the following principles/measures in the plan:

- A sequential approach to development whereby lands which are most accessible by public transport are prioritised for growth;
- All development areas to provide for internal permeability for walking and cycling;
- The design of new developments to incorporate new walking and cycling routes, or exploit existing direct routes, to social and commercial facilities in the village core;
- Parking, where required, to be located and designed in such a manner that it does not dominate the streetscape and does not compromise walking, cycling and public transport;
- The provision for the delivery of goods and services to be taken into account in the design of new and existing development, to improve efficiency and minimise impact on the local community in the plan area, and the built and natural environment; and

- Severance within local catchments, particularly on key access routes, to be avoided to the extent practicable.

The Authority recommends that the provisions of the forthcoming draft LAP for this area are consistent with the draft Transport Strategy for the GDA.

NTA/Wicklow County Council Investment Framework

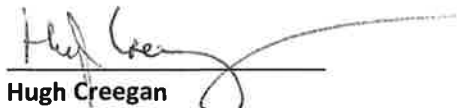
The Authority, in conjunction with Wicklow County Council, is in the process of developing a 5-year framework plan for transport investment in County Wicklow, with particular emphasis being placed on development centres such as Greystones. The Authority would therefore recommend that the provisions of the forthcoming draft LAP for this area reflect this framework as it emerges.

Other Issues

In relation to the issue of whether a single plan should cover this area, it is the view of the Authority that this would comprise a coherent and rational approach to land-use planning in this part of Wicklow, and would therefore support such an approach.

I trust that the views and recommendations of the Authority will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the draft Local Area Plan for Greystones-Delgany-Kilcoole.

Yours sincerely,



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