

**Senior Executive Officer,
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department,
Fingal County Council,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
County Dublin.**

4th April 2013

Re: Draft Local Area Plan for Rowlestown, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Rowlestown Local Area Plan.

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 draft Transport Strategy is complete, and is currently with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport for approval. While the Transport Strategy is a draft document, the Authority requests that Fingal County Council reflect the policies, objectives and measures contained within the draft Transport Strategy in the Rowlestown LAP.

In general, the Authority support the consolidation of Rowlestown village in accordance with the plans set out in the draft LAP/Village Design Framework Plan (VDFP). For a settlement of this scale the Authority particularly supports the promotion of walking and cycling as the mode of choice for local trips to the primary school, local shops and the bus stop. In this regard, the Authority welcomes the provisions set out in the VDFP with regard to the improvement of the walking and cycling environment with the village core. In particular, the Authority acknowledges and supports the proposals for reduced speed limits and traffic management on the R125 and Church Road, as key linkages within the village it is important that pedestrians and cyclists of all ages feel safe along these roadways.

As a point of information, the Authority recommends that the NTA Cycle Manual (www.cyclemanual.ie) is referenced in the final document, and any cycle measures within the Local Area Plan should be consistent with this guidance.

I trust that the views of the Authority will be taken into consideration in the finalisation of the draft Rowlestown Local Area Plan.

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Hugh Creegan

Director of Transport, Planning and Investment