

Forward Planning Section,
Kildare County Council,
Áras Chill Dara,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co. Kildare

7th March 2012

Re: Draft Variation (Number 1) of the Kildare Development Plan to incorporate Small Town Plans (Kill, Prosperous, Rathangan, Derrinturn & Castledermot).

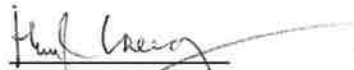
Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on draft variation (number 1) of the Kildare Development Plan.

The Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 provides that each planning authority within the GDA shall ensure that its Development 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 Kildare County Council consider the policies, objectives and measures contained within the draft Transport Strategy in relation to any proposed variation of the Kildare Development Plan.

The Authority, as set out in the draft Transport Strategy, places emphasis on an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning at a local and regional level. This approach will guide the planned, and phased provision of future services and infrastructure in a more sustainable and efficient manner. In this context, the Authority has reviewed the proposed Draft Variation No. 1 of the Kildare Development Plan, and considers that the amendments are consistent with the policies and measures of the draft Transport Strategy.

I trust that the views of the Authority will be taken into consideration.



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