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Re: Proposed Material Alterations to proposed variation No. 2 (i) to the Wicklow County Development Plan 2010-2016 – Kilmacanogue Settlement Plan

Dear Mr. O'Brien

The National Transport Authority ("the Authority") welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Material Alterations to proposed variation No. 2 (i) of the Wicklow County Development Plan, 2010 -2016, relating to the Kilmacanogue Settlement Plan.

The Authority has published a draft Transport Strategy and the consultation process for the draft Transport Strategy is complete. The final document has been amended and has been submitted to the Minister for Transport for his consideration. An integrated implementation plan, which will guide investment decisions over a six year period, will follow the adoption of the Transport Strategy.

While the Transport Strategy is currently a draft document, the Authority requests that Wicklow County Council recognise that any proposed road developments will have to satisfy the objectives and policies within the draft Transport Strategy and specifically the principles set out under Measure ROAD 1.

Notwithstanding the above, the Authority notes and welcomes the proposed inclusion of Objective KM7 and the proposed amendment to the settlement map to include possible lines, for reservation, of a proposed link road from Kilmacanogue to Bray.

The Authority supports the inclusion of Objective KM7, subject to a feasibility report, to plan for the new distributor road, linking Kilmacanogue directly to south Bray, along a line from the eastern roundabout of the Kilmacanogue N11 junction, across lands to the east of the N11, which will provide alternative access to properties currently accessed directly from route N11.

The Authority is generally supportive of the proposal as it considered that it will have positive implications for the operation of both the national and non-national road network at this location. However there are a number of design details, which need to be further developed at the design stage, which include such issues as:

- ensuring the proposed distributor road is consistent with the National Roads Authority Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (NRADRM) and the recently published National Cycle Manual;
- ensuring the proposed distributor road is designed to cater for localised traffic with a high level of service for both cyclists and pedestrians;
- consideration is given to bus priority at the northern section of the proposed distributor road; and
- consideration is given to improving access/ egress arrangements for properties currently accessed directly from the N11.

The Authority would welcome the opportunity to discuss and agree design details at the earliest stage with Wicklow County Council.

It is requested that the observations of the Authority are taken into consideration in the making of the proposed material alteration.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Planning and Investment