

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

12th October 2016

Re: Issues Paper of the proposed Local Area Plan for Rivermeade, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to input into the development of the draft Local Area Plan for Rivermeade.

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 Authority’s Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area (2016-2035). In this regard the Authority requests that Fingal County Council reflect the policies, objectives and measures contained within the Transport Strategy in the Rivermeade LAP. In particular, the Authority would draw the Council’s attention to Chapter 7 of the Transport Strategy which sets out the principles of land use and transport integration. These principles should be applied in the development of the Rivermeade LAP.

In general, the Authority would support the consolidation of Rivermeade village, and would suggest that a phased approach to the build out of the village be considered to ensure that the area develops in a sustainable manner.

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. The Authority recommends that the provision of a cycle/pedestrian linkages are carefully considered as part of the development process of the LAP. In this regard, it would be useful to reference the NTA

Cycle Manual (www.cyclemanual.ie) in the final document, and to state that any cycle measures associated the LAP should be consistent with this guidance.

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



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