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**Planning Department,
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15th December 2014

Re: Proposed Amendment to Local Area Plans 2009 - 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Authority welcomes the proposal to amend the five Local Area Plans for Ashbourne, Dunboyne/ Clonee/ Pace, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath and the Southern Environs of Drogheda. The Authority supports the sequential approach to the development of residential zoned land proposed in the proposed amendments to the Local Area Plans, whereby, inter alia, residential zoned lands, closest to town centres/public transport, have been prioritised for development. However, there are a number of issues of concern that the Authority raises in this submission in relation to the proposed variation:

In its submissions on the County Development Plan Variation 2 of the Meath County Development (including amendments) and the Draft Meath County Development Plan, the Authority expressed its concern with substantial development proposals at Pace, as provided for in the Dunboyne/ Clonee/ Pace LAP. It continues to be the view of the Authority that future employment development in this area should be focused on Dunboyne/ Dunboyne Rail Station rather than at the Pace motorway junction.


Accordingly, and in the absence of an agreed integrated land use and transport plan which determines the future location and appropriate scale of development in the Dunboyne/ Clonee/ Pace area, the Authority wishes to record its objection to the ongoing inclusion of large-scale development zonings proximate to the Pace motorway junction. However, the Authority is

committed to working with Meath County Council on developing the longer term strategy for development in this area.

In addition, the Authority requests that the proposed cycle network in the Authority's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan be reflected in the Local Area Plans for Dunshaughlin, Ashbourne and Ratoath.

I trust that the above comments will be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Hugh Creegan

Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation