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**Planning Department,  
Meath County Council,  
Abbey Mall,  
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Co Meath.**

07th May 2014

**Re: Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Variation (No. 2) of the Meath County Development Plan 2013 - 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In its submission to Meath County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014, the Authority raised a number of issues of concern in relation to the proposed Draft Variation to the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019. The following recommendations have not been adequately addressed by the proposed alterations and remain significant concerns for the Authority:


1. 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 inclusion of the objectives CER Pol 1, Pace Obj 1, CER OBJ 1 and CER OBJ 2 in the proposed variation.
2. The Authority also considers that the land use objective Pace OBJ 2 is inappropriate and should be omitted.
3. It is recommended that any further development of employment lands at Stamullen be conditional on the delivery of a deep-water port on the east coast and any changes to the status of Stamullen in the Regional Planning Guidelines.
4. The Authority recommends that the text of the Maynooth Environs Written Statement be amended to exclude high volume, trip intensive developments in the Maynooth Environs.

5. It is recommended that employment zoning in these settlements (Clonard, Summerhill, Longwood, Kilbride, Crossakiel, Athboy, Carlanstown, Carnaross, Nobber, Oldcastle, Rathcairn, Kentstown, Slane, Ballivor, Enfield) should be commensurate with their scale of RPG settlement designation, whilst supporting the expansion of existing businesses in these locations.

The Authority notes that Amendment 5 (Section 9.1) includes the provision for a Data Centre and associated related industries in Kilbride. The Authority considers that such a land use would be more appropriately located in a higher order RPG growth centre (e.g. Navan), with good public transport access.

The National Transport Authority requests your consideration of the above comments.

Yours sincerely,



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