

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

31st January 2014

Re: Draft East Meath Local Area Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (hereafter referred to as the "Authority") submits the following report on the draft East Meath Local Area Plan.

The Authority welcomes the publication of the draft East Meath Local Area Plan. In particular, the Authority supports the sequential approach to the development of residential zoned land proposed in the draft Plan, whereby, inter alia, residential zoned lands, closest to town centres/public transport, have been prioritised for development. This is consistent with the land use principles set out in the Authority's Integrated Implementation Plan.

In relation to the proposed new road infrastructure (e.g. TM OBJ 4, TM OBJ 9), the Authority requests that careful consideration be given to alternative solutions, such as traffic management or demand management measures, prior to a final determination of the individual road infrastructure proposals.

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

Yours sincerely,



Hugh Creegan

Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation