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**Planning Department,
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12th November 2013

Re: Draft Trim Development Plan 2014-2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (hereafter referred to as the “Authority”) submits the following report on the draft Trim Development Plan 2014-2020.

The Authority welcomes the collaborative approach that Meath County Council has taken in preparing the draft Plan and supports the range of proposals to improve the environment for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. The Authority has recently published the Draft Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, which includes the proposed cycle network for Trim. It is recommended that this is reflected in the adopted Trim Development Plan.

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 the town centre/public transport has been prioritised for development. Furthermore, the Authority supports the objective to begin to review the need for the distributor road network within one year of the adoption of the Plan and to reduce the levels of Heavy Goods Vehicle traffic accessing the town centre area.

The Authority considers that the draft Plan is consistent with the Authority's general objectives and satisfactorily addresses the issues raised in the Authority's submission on the pre-draft Plan (16th January 2013). The Authority looks forward to working in partnership with the Council to implement the sustainable transport proposals over the six year plan period.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation