

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

2nd May 2013

Re: Draft Local Area Plan for Rivermeade, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority ("the Authority") welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Rivermeade Local Area Plan.

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 Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy for the period 2011-2030. The draft Transport Strategy is complete, and is currently with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport for approval. While the Transport Strategy is a draft document, the Authority requests that Fingal County Council reflect the policies, objectives and measures contained within the draft Transport Strategy in the Rivermeade LAP.

In general, the Authority support the consolidation of Rivermeade village in accordance with the plans set out in the draft LAP, and considers the phased approach to the build out of the village to be an appropriate mechanism for developing the community 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 also acknowledges and supports the provision of a new cycle/pedestrian link from Rivermeade to Swords via Killeek Lane and the Ward River Valley Park 'green route'. This could

eventually link into the GDA Cycle Network currently being finalised by the Authority, and in this regard, the Authority recommends that the draft GDA Cycle Network is referenced in the final LAP.

In addition, it would also 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 finalisation of the draft Rivermeade Local Area Plan.



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Director of Transport, Planning and Investment