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**Planning and Community Department,
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27th February 2014

Re: Proposed Variation No. 1 of the Navan Development Plan 2009-2015

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The Authority has worked closely with Meath County Council on the preparation of the proposed Navan Transport Plan and on the core strategy contained in the proposed Variation No. 1 to the Navan Development Plan 2009-2015. Overall, the Authority supports the approach taken in the Navan Transport Plan and will work with Meath County Council to secure the delivery of transport and land use objectives over the lifetime of the development plan.

In relation to proposed transport objectives, the Authority requests that Navan town centre transport and urban realm proposals, such as the pedestrianisation of Trimgate Street and any proposed public transport corridor in Navan, should be linked to the finalization of proposals for the proposed location of the public transport interchange in Navan and related traffic management arrangements.

In relation to the proposed core strategy, the Authority supports the methodology used to evaluate residential zoned lands in Navan and its environs. The Authority notes that some of the more peripheral lands, which have been rated low in the evaluation of residential lands, have been scheduled for growth in the first phase of development. The Authority recommends that the proposed variation addresses how these peripheral lands, which have been chosen in the first phase

of zoned residential development between 2013 and 2019, will accord with the plan objective of directing funding priorities *“to ensure that the urban core is consolidated”* and that *“the town’s growth is directed to those areas that can best accommodate and facilitate sustainable growth over the remainder of the plan period”*.

The Authority request your consideration of the above comments.

Yours sincerely,



Hugh Creegan
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