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12th November 2013

Re: Newbridge Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019 – Proposed Amendments to the Draft LAP.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Amendments to the draft LAP for Newbridge.

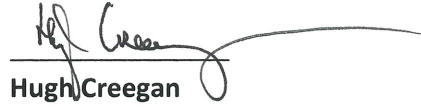
The Authority welcomes the inclusion of Amendment No. 19, which strengthens the General Movement Objectives within the Movement and Transport section of the draft LAP (Section 7.7). In particular, the Authority welcomes the addition of Objective GMO 7 (c), which seeks to deliver comprehensive upgrade to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure along the main approach route to Newbridge Train Station.

The plan provides for the addition, under Amendment No. 19, of new Street Objectives SRO 8 (c) (i) & (ii) for two additional streets in the vicinity of Newbridge Train Station. It is noted that these objectives relate to routes that have been partially constructed as part of residential developments. The Authority supports the specific objective that *“will ensure that movement to/from the Station is maximised either as part of existing permitted developments or as part of any revised/future development(s)”*. The Authority considers it important to ensure that sustainable modes will be catered for in the design of the new streets and it is recommended that the specific objective should include text to that effect. Therefore the specific objective SRO 8 (c) should conclude with the following text: *“The design of these transport links shall be in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)”*.

Finally, it is noted that the text of Objective GMO 1 uses the word 'Agency', and it is suggested that this is replaced with National Transport Authority.

I trust that the views of the Authority will be taken into consideration in the finalisation of the Newbridge LAP.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh Creegan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hugh Creegan

Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation