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Wicklow Town

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**Re: Proposed Material Alterations of Draft Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan**

To whom it may concern,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan. We would like to reiterate and refer the Council back to our comments in our submissions at both the pre-draft and draft plan stage, particularly as they relate to the following:

- The inappropriately low density regime proposed for the plan area;
- Phasing of development;
- Retail development;
- Employment zoning;
- The location and design of schools and their environs;
- Roads objectives; and
- General transport policy.

**NTA Comment on Proposed Material Alterations**

The Authority has reviewed both the Manager’s Report and the Proposed Material Alterations and we have the following comments to make.

Material Alterations no. 3, 4 and 5:

The Authority is concerned that the proposed amendments to retail policy may allow for an inappropriate level of out-of-town development. The maintenance of the vitality and viability of the central core is of critical concern to the NTA in terms of promoting public transport, walking and cycling for all trip purposes and in terms of protecting investment in transport infrastructure and services in the town centre. The Authority would therefore recommend revisiting these policies with this in mind.

Material Alteration nos. 6 and 9:

The Authority fully supports these material alterations as they are consistent with the concerns raised in our submission on the draft plan.

Material Alteration no. 7:

The Authority fully supports this material alteration as a means of facilitating and promoting walking in Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole for both recreation and utility purposes.

Material Alteration no. 14:

The Authority supports this material alteration as it provides a firm policy basis for the on-going work of the Authority and Wicklow County Council in Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole in relation to transport infrastructural investment.

Material Alterations nos. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19:

The Authority strongly supports the removal of Objectives RO6 and RO7 from the draft plan in line with the concerns raised in our previous submission. The changes to RO1 and RO8 are also welcome. In terms of the remaining Roads objectives, the Authority, however, wishes to reiterate those points made in our previous submission, particularly in relation to the need for consistency between the proposed schemes and Measure ROAD 1 of the Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area.

I trust that the views of the Authority will be taken into account in the finalisation of the Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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