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Development Plan Review
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Re: Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

To Whom It May Concern

I refer to the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027, currently on Public Display and wish to make the following submission.

As a resident of County Louth and a property owner, I believe that the wording in Chapter 7 Movement (Mov40) of the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 must be amended to reflect the recent announcement with regard to the upgrade of the N2, Ardee to Castleblayney section:

Currently reads:

“To support the progression of the long term upgrade of the N2; and in particular to protect the selected route of the upgrade road scheme between Ardee and Castleblayney, and prohibit development that could prejudice its future delivery; and to continue to work closely with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Monaghan County Council, property owners, and residents affected, and other stakeholders in the delivery of this project.”

Should Be Amended To:

“To support the progression of the long term upgrade of the existing N2 and in particular to protect the selected route (Route A/Yellow Route) of the upgrade road scheme between Ardee and Castleblayney”

1. Preferred Route Corridor

Monaghan & Louth County Council in conjunction with Jacobs Engineering published the emerging preferred route Option A or Yellow Route on 23rd August, 2020. This route (within County Louth) is the existing N2 Road.

2. Project Future Delivery

TII have confirmed funding for the upgrade of the existing N2, there will be no loss of funding if the wording in the New County Development Plan changes to -

“an online upgrade of the N2 extending from north of Ardee to south of the Castleblayney bypass” as shown below from MCC CDP 2019-2025 –

“The N2 is part of the Trans-European transport Network (TEN-T). This is a network which comprises roads, railway lines, inland waterways, inland and maritime ports, airports and rail-road terminals throughout the 28 EU Member States. This characteristic is a key factor for the network's efficient, safe and secure operation, using seamless transport chains for passengers and freight.

The N2 is categorised as being part of the “comprehensive network”: a multi-modal network of relatively high density which provides all European regions (including peripheral regions) with an accessibility that supports their further economic, social and territorial development as well as the mobility of their citizens. The TII have committed to providing additional funding for an online upgrade of the N2 extending from north of Ardee to south of the Castleblayney bypass and this project is at preliminary stages. This will be a joint project between Monaghan County Council and Louth County Council.” Page 146 Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-25

In conclusion, as the route has now been selected, the wording must change to reflect this.

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