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Re: Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No.1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan, 2023 - 2029

Dear Sir / Madam,

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) welcomes consultation on Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No.1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan, 2023 – 2029. TII welcomes the Proposed Material Alterations arising from the consideration of the Authority's initial submission on the Proposed Variation, and, in relation to other Proposed Material Alterations on display, outlines the following observations for the Councils consideration.

1. Proposed Material Alteration No. 3

In TII's initial submission on the Proposed Variation, it was requested that the Council consider including an explanatory note within Proposed Amendment no. 9 and Section 8.11.2.1 of the Development Plan to outline the need to update the Scheme citation in the Plan when referencing the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme and the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project, noting in particular that the NDP Investment Objective remains titled the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme. TII outlined that such explanatory text would provide clarification to the Plan, maintain consistency with the scheme references used in the National Development Plan and associated NDP Review 2025 Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport and potentially avoid any unintended consequences when submitting the scheme(s) for future consent.

TII is of the view that the proposed text amendments included in Material Alteration no. 3 do not provide Scheme clarification and have the potential to present a challenge when progressing the Scheme through statutory consent. For example, the statement: '*The RSES, consistent with National Development Plan investment commitments, seeks to progress the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project scheme through pre-appraisal and early planning...*'. Neither the RSES nor the National Development Plan makes reference to the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project scheme.

As outlined in TII's initial submission on the Proposed Variation, TII recommends that the Council consult with the National Road Design Office Project Team prior to finalising any proposed text changes. In addition, consultation with Roscommon County Council would be beneficial to ensure Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils have consistent text relating to the NDP Investment



Objective N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme and the Transport Sectoral Investment Plans Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project.

For clarification, the Council will note that the National Development Plan, 2021 – 2030, references the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme. The Northern and Western Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy similarly references the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme and the DoT Transport Sectoral Investment Plan references the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project.

Deleting text associated with the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme as proposed in the alteration to TRAN OBJ 3 should be reviewed as the Scheme still remains referenced in both the National Development Plan and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

TII considers it essential that the County Development Plan is consistent with the hierarchy of Plans in terms of scheme citation and reference in relation to both the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme and the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project prior to finalising Proposed Variation no. 3 to the County Development Plan, 2023 – 2029.

The above clarification may require update to Table 8.4 of the County Development Plan, 2023 – 2029, in the interests of consistency.

2. Material Alteration no. 15; Carrick-on-Shannon Local Transport Plan

TII notes and welcomes reference to the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012) in Section 2.1.1 and Section 2.1.2 as well as reference to TII Publications requirements. Further, TII also acknowledges and welcomes the reference to maintaining the strategic function, capacity and safety of the national road network included in Section 3.3 'Key Project Objectives'.

It is noted that Section 2.1.3 'Other Key Plans' references the 'N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod Project' as a key plan considered when developing the LTP. Having regard to the concerns identified in Proposed Material Alteration No. 3, above, TII considers it essential that the Local Transport Plan is consistent with the County Development Plan and the hierarchy of national and regional plans in terms of scheme citation and reference in relation to both the N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Scheme and the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project prior to finalising Proposed Variation no. 3 to the County Development Plan, 2023 – 2029, and the Local Transport Plan.

In addition to the above, TII requests engagement with the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project Team (Roscommon NRDO) to ensure any measures impacting the existing N4 and scheme area in the LTP are consistent and complementary to Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Project Scheme progression.

It is noted that there are a number of measures proposed in the LTP that directly impact the existing and proposed national road network in the area. While TII acknowledges reference to TII Publications in Section 2.1.2, it is considered that clarification within the LTP that all measures impacting national roads will be subject to the requirement for a Design Report, in accordance with TII Publications DN-GEO-03030, would provide important guidance to scheme designers in developing any specific measures arising from LTP implementation.

The Authority respectfully requests that the foregoing observations are taken into consideration by the Council in the assessment and consideration of Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No.1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan, 2023 – 2029, prior to finalisation.

Yours faithfully,



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