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RE: Ireland 2040 Our Plan – Draft National Planning Framework

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority (NTA) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft National Planning Framework.

A coherent and comprehensive spatial planning system, and its full and proper integration with transport planning, is essential for the successful development of a sustainable future for Ireland. The Draft National Planning Framework represents an enormously significant step towards the development of that comprehensive coordinated planning system.


It establishes a clear, policy-driven framework, well-founded in evidence and analysis, which addresses the weaknesses of the existing system and provides a rational, planned basis to guide future development in Ireland. As such, the NTA sees great potential to build on this framework and, through collaboration with the Regional Assemblies and Local Authorities, for spatial planning and transport planning to be undertaken in a manner which delivers efficient, effective and sustainable outcomes for communities across the State. In particular, we note and welcome the following policies, which are set out in the Draft National Planning Framework, which will greatly assist in appropriately integrating transport provision and land use planning:

- Consolidation of development into existing urban areas;
- Reversal of rural decline in the core of small towns and villages;
- Increased residential densities in settlements;
- The methodology for the prioritisation of development land;
- Enhanced accessibility between the regions by strengthening public transport connectivity between cities and large growth towns;
- Enhanced accessibility within cities, towns and villages through the integration of alternatives to the car into the design of communities;
- The delivery of the objectives of the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area;

- Provision for Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans; and
- The extension of statutory arrangements between spatial and transport planning in the Greater Dublin Area to other cities.

The NTA fully supports the objectives and policies set out in the Draft National Planning Framework and look forward to close cooperation with all stakeholders in its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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