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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

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Sheet 3 Fingal Central

Motion from Councillor Dean Mulligan : 82202

Appendix 8: Rowlestown:

Map Based Local Objective: Rowlestown

Provide for improved connectivity between Rowlestown and Swords for all Modes of transport.

REPORT:

The content of this motion is noted.

The need for improved connectivity between Rowlestown and Swords and many other areas of the County is acknowledged. The protection and enhancement of a safe and effective strategic national road network is an objective of the Draft Plan and is supported through the inclusion of Objective CMO29 - 'Management of Road Network', Policy CMP32, Objective CMO30 - 'Strategic Roads Network' and Objective CMO31.

The Draft Plan is explicit in its recognition of the role that walking and cycling can play in achieving mode shift and its contribution in reducing transport emissions and improving quality of life and wellbeing. Chapter 6 Connectivity and Movement of the Plan is explicit in the promotion and support for the development of a comprehensive and well-connected network of walking and cycling routes within the County in accordance with NTA and TII policies and standards and includes a number of supportive policy and objectives in this regard.

FCC has prioritised the promotion of active travel as part of our ongoing commitment to Climate Action with the creation of the Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department, which will have responsibility for mobility planning and the delivery of the NTA's Cycle Network within the County. The Draft Plan is also explicit in the promotion and support for the development of a comprehensive and well-connected network of walking and cycling routes within the County in accordance with NTA and TII policies and standards and includes a number of supportive policies and objectives in this regard, including Policy CMP7, Policy CMP8 and Policy CMP9, Policy CMP13 and Objective CMO14, which all support improvements to the walking and cycling environment.

Other relevant policy objectives address other related areas such as Active Travel, including the following relevant policies and objectives:

Objective CMO6 Integration of Active Travel with Public Transport

Work with the relevant transport providers, agencies and stakeholders to facilitate the integration of active travel (walking/cycling etc.) with public transport, ensuring ease of access for all

Objective CMO7 Active Travel Strategy

Prepare an Active Travel Strategy to encourage active travel and modal shift to sustainable transport modes.

Objective CMO8 Active Travel Audits

Carry out active travel audits in towns and villages in collaboration with local communities and other relevant stakeholders to inform improvements to the public realm and the pedestrian and cycling network.

Objective CMO13 Existing Street Space and Active Travel

Review the potential for reassignment of existing street space for active travel modes within village and town centres across the County where appropriate during the lifetime of this Plan.

Policy CMP33 Road and Street Design

Ensure that roads and streets within the County are designed to balance the needs of all road users and promote place-making, sustainable movement and road safety providing a street environment that prioritises active travel and public transport whilst ensuring the needs of commercial servicing is accommodated.'

A strategic objective of the Draft Plan is to "Reduce car dependency and promote and facilitate sustainable modes of transport. Prioritise walking, cycling and public transport, while supporting an efficient and effective transport system." The Plan also

commits to supporting wider regional and national policies such as RSES, the NTA's Transport Strategy and the NPF.

It is considered that the policies and objectives set out above are strategic in nature with broad applicability and are considered sufficiently robust to promote, support, facilitate and prioritise active travel across the County and improved connectivity between Rowlestown and Swords and other towns and villages within the County. In this context, the content of the motion is considered to be adequately addressed and it is therefore not considered necessary to include additional text in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

No Change to the Draft Plan.