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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Sheet 4 Balbriggan

Motion from Councillor Tom O'Leary : 81946

Realign Indicative Route Of The Proposed Balbriggan Ring Road (R122 To R123 Via Flemington)

Fingal County Council resolves that the indicative route of the proposed Balbriggan Ring Road (R122 to R123 via Flemington), as shown on Map Sheet No. 4 of the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, be realigned in accordance with the route which has already been approved by Fingal County Council under Reg. Refs. F08A/1329 and F08A/1329/E1, as indicated in blue on the attached map.

REPORT:

The content of this motion, relating to the realignment of the indicative route of Balbriggan Ring Road on Draft Sheet 4 is noted.

Permitted development, including road infrastructure in the area is acknowledged, including routes illustrated within planning application Reg. Ref. F08A/1329, as extended under F08A/1329/E1 (referenced in the motion).

Reg. Ref. F08A/1329, permitted by An Bord Pleanála under PL06F.235048 and extended under F08A/1329/E1 until the 23rd of February 2025, sought permission inter alia for 532 no. dwelling units and ancillary works including a C-Ring Road, boulevard and Class 1 open space. No commencement notice has been received to date with respect to this development and a new road alignment may be the subject of a new application.

It is important to note that road proposals shown on Draft Sheet 4 (and on other Sheets of the Draft Plan) are indicative only and remain so until they have been constructed. Projects of this nature progress through various route option

assessments which examine all engineering, planning and environmental issues arising and undergo public consultation procedures before a preferred route is identified. This includes examination of archaeological heritage. Assessment and examination of environmental issues are carried out through EIA, SEA and AA.

The protection and enhancement of a safe and effective strategic national road network is an objective of the Draft Plan. In this regard, the following Objectives state:

Objective CMO34 Strategic Roads Network

'Maintain and protect the safety, capacity and efficiency of National roads and associated junctions in accordance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012, the Trans-European Networks (TEN-T) Regulations and with regard to other relevant policy documents, as required'.

Objective CMO35

'Work with the TII and NTA and other relevant national transport agencies to protect capacity and deliver improvements of the strategic road network and junction upgrades where necessary in line with National and Regional policy objectives'.

As no commencement notice has been received to date in relation to the planning references contained within the motion, it is considered premature and inappropriate to amend the indicative route.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change to the draft Development Plan.