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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

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Sheet 6 Lusk-Rush

Motion from Councillor Brian Dennehy : 82328

First Section of the Rush Outer Ring Bye Pass

"The planning and design the first section of the Rush Outer Ring Bye Pass connecting the Whitestown Road to the Brook Road, Rush to be completed in the lifetime of this Development Plan."

REPORT:

The content of this motion relating to the Rush Outer Ring Road is noted. The protection and enhancement of a safe and effective strategic road network is an objective of the Draft Plan. In this regard Policy CMP32 seeks to *"Prioritise changes to existing roads infrastructure that underpins sustainable development, maintains road safety and network efficiency."*

Objective CMO30 will *"Maintain and protect the safety, capacity and efficiency of National roads and associated junctions..."* and Objective CMO31 commits Fingal County Council to *"protect capacity and deliver improvements of the strategic road network and junction upgrades..."*

The inclusion of new road objectives in this Draft Plan is therefore largely focused on those areas that support these strategic objectives of the Draft Plan as well as those that contribute to further sustainable development of the County and enhance or complement the wider regional and national level policy framework.

Fingal will continue to maintain, manage and operate the existing regional and local road network in an efficient and restrictive manner to protect the strategic function of the national road network as well as providing for high-quality walking and cycling connections where appropriate and access and priority for public

transport routes. The road transportation objectives of the Plan shall be presented on a new Sheet 17 'Connectivity and Movement' with project implementation being an operational matter outside the remit of this Plan.

In terms of the timing and project delivery of any route, the objectives of this Plan will be required to go through the various route options, engineering, planning and environmental assessments, in order to achieve an optimum solution. This process typically takes a number of years and during this process consultation will be undertaken with the general public and specific stakeholders as required, including the local community and landowners. Such consultations occur on an ongoing basis in the context of such scheme proposals.

These schemes will also include environmental assessments such as SEA and AA where applicable and will have regard to relevant environmental issues including the protection of natural heritage assets and sensitive environmental sites.

The Draft Plan includes the following Objective:

Objective CS061 – Assessment to Inform Future Transportation Needs of Rush
Carry out an assessment to inform the future transportation needs of Rush. This may include the feasibility of providing a Distributor Road to the west of Rush.

The delivery and implementation of such a new road therefore will be considered in this future assessment. Any future capital works such as new and upgraded roads is managed through the three year Fingal Capital Works Programme which is determined from a number of factors such as policy context, local and strategic need, funding, staffing resources, planning and environmental risks and procurement requirements.

The policies and objectives set out in the Draft Plan are strategic in nature with broad applicability and are considered sufficiently robust to promote and support the development of a Rush Outer Ring Road. In this context, it is considered inappropriate and premature to include a specific time and mapped based local objective at this location in advance of the assessment to inform the transport needs of Rush, the subject of Objective CS061.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change to the Draft Plan.