

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL**

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023**

**Tuesday, 14 February 2017**

**Motion from Councillor David Healy: 7.10 review existing cycle infrastructure. AI034456**

That In light of policy 2.5 of the National Cycle Policy Framework, the proposed amendment

“Insert new Objective MT: Review existing cycle infrastructure which was not designed in line with the Principles of Sustainable Safety in a manner consistent with the National Cycle Manual and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and undertake appropriate remedial works.”

be confirmed.

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**REPORT:**

The contents of the motion are noted. Having regard to the issues as outlined in response to PA CH 7.10 as set out in the CE Report (dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017), the Draft Plan supports the provision of high quality cycle facilities with the delivery of such infrastructure to be considered in detail as part of the implementation of the NTA's Cycle Network. In terms of the improvement of cycle facilities and infrastructure, it should be noted that Objective MT09 (and proposed material amendments to the wording of same) seek to promote walking and cycling as efficient, healthy, and environmentally-friendly modes of transport and states that the Council will work in cooperation with the NTA to implement the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. It is also noted that:

- The process of identifying and seeking resource allocation for the upgrade and provision of footpaths and cycle infrastructure is more appropriately addressed through the established Area Committee procedure rather than in a strategic Development Plan document. Improvements to footpath and cycleway infrastructure are also most appropriately dealt with through the Council's Capital Works Programme and through the Operations Department.
- The '*Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, 2013*' (DMURS) provides comprehensive guidance in relation to enhancing the public realm. The DMURS

aligns spatial planning and transport policy and sets out design standards for urban roads and streets. The use of the Manual is mandatory for all Local Authorities. Objective DMS116 of the Draft Plan requires all new developments to be designed in accordance with DMURS

The Council will continue to work in cooperation with the NTA to implement the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. However, it is considered that it would not be possible to retrospectively review all existing cycle infrastructure in the County as proposed in this Material Alteration CH 7.10. It is therefore considered appropriate and acceptable that all improvements to existing cycle infrastructure / remedial works and the provision of new cycle infrastructure will be designed in accordance with the Principles of Sustainable Safety in a manner consistent with the National Cycle Manual and the DMURS.

It is therefore recommended that the Development Plan be made without the proposed Material Alteration 7.10 as displayed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Development Plan be made without the proposed Material Alteration 7.10 as displayed.