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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

Tuesday, 14 February 2017

Motion from Councillor David Healy: 7.11 Design of roads in accordance with the Principles of Sustainable Safety. AI034457

That the Amendment agreed by the Council under Agenda item 284/ Motion AI028972

“Insert Objective after MT09: Design roads including cycle infrastructure 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.” be confirmed.

REPORT:

In the context of the current motion it should be noted that Proposed Amendment CH 7.11 proposes the insertion of a new Objective MT, to read as follows:

‘Promote the design of roads, including cycle infrastructure, 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.’

The motion in this instance seeks to confirm an amendment agreed under Agenda Item 284 / Motion AI028972 which recommended the following:

‘Design roads including cycle infrastructure 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.’

However, given that the design of roads does not fall within the sole remit of Fingal County Council and is not the function of the Development Plan the Council later agreed to the Chief Executive’s Report and proposed wording in response to Agenda Item 290 / Motion AI028984, which recommended that the following new Objective be inserted after Objective MT09:

‘Objective MTXX

Promote the design of roads, including cycle infrastructure, 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.'

Notwithstanding the proposed amendment above, it should be noted that the promotion of walking and cycling as an efficient, healthy and environmentally friendly sustainable mode of transport is explicit in the Draft Plan. The objectives of the *National Cycle Policy Framework (NCPF) (2009)* and the NTA's *Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan* are incorporated into the Draft Plan and are promoted in a number of policies and objectives. The Council will work in cooperation with the NTA to implement the *Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan* subject to detailed engineering design consistent with the National Cycle Manual and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the mitigation measures presented in the SEA and Natura Impact Statement accompanying the NTA Plan.

Accordingly, having consideration to the role of the Development Plan and given that the design of roads is not within the sole remit of the Council, it is considered that the wording included in the Proposed Material Alteration 7.11 is most appropriate and adequately addresses the Council's function to promote the design of roads and cycle infrastructure in line with the National Cycle Manual and DMURS. The wording proposed in this instance is considered appropriate having consideration to the promotion and design of all roads across the County in line with the Principles of Sustainable Safety having regard to the role of the Council in the design of roads.

RECOMMENDATION:

Having consideration to the above, it is recommended that the Development Plan be made with the Proposed Material Alteration 7.11 as displayed, which recommends the insertion of new Objective MT to read as follows:

'Promote the design of roads, including cycle infrastructure, 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.'