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## VARIATION NO. 4

TO THE

## KILDARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011 - 2017

For: **Kildare County Council**  
Áras Chill Dara  
Devoy Park  
Naas  
County Kildare



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## **Introduction**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Kildare County Council adopted Variation No. 4 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

## **Reason for Variation No. 4 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 - 2017**

The variation:

- Realigns the route of the Southern Distributor Road in Athy Town to accord with the preferred route selected and to rename the route 'Athy Distributor Road' in the Kildare County Development Plan.

The reasons for the variation are:

- To provide clarity in relation to the specific intentions of Kildare County Council in relation to a Distributor Road for Athy, and
- To ensure consistency with the Athy Town Development Plan 2012 – 2018 for which a variation has been made pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Kildare County Council has undertaken a Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination in accordance with Article 13K of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2015 which determines that adopted variation No. 4 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Kildare County Council has undertaken Appropriate Assessment Screening under Section 177V Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2001 – 2015 which concludes in view of best scientific knowledge that Variation No. 4 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 individually or in combination with another plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site taking into account the conservation objectives of any site and that there is no doubt or uncertainty in this regard.

### **How to Read this Document**

This document sets out the adopted Variation No. 4. New text is highlighted in blue. The new maps and graphics are enclosed.

## Chapter 6 Movement and Transport

### 6.5.3 Roads Programme

The roads programme for the County will be implemented by the Council. Road schemes will be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment where necessary. As part of the overall National Roads Development Programme, it is an objective to carry out a number of specific projects during the plan period. The Council may, at its discretion, introduce roads objectives other than those listed in Table 6.1.

It is an objective of the Council:

- RP 1: To proceed with development of the third lane in each direction along the M7 / N7 including improvement of interchanges as the need arises.
- RP 2: To facilitate provision of an additional interchange along the M7 Naas by-pass serving access to Millennium Park.
- RP 3: To identify an area for the future upgrade and improvement of the M7 Newhall Interchange (Junction 10) and preserve that area free from development.
- RP 4: To examine the feasibility of the provision of a connection between the M7 and the east side of Newbridge.
- RP 5: To improve safety and capacity at the M7 Monasterevin Interchange (Junction 14) by providing an upgrade of the interchange.
- RP 6: To provide for “all vehicle movements” at the M7 (Junction 11) / M9 (Junction 1) Interchange.
- RP 7: To preserve the N7 Johnstown Interchange (Junction 8) area free from development for the provision of future access to Naas.
- RP 8: To improve safety and capacity at the M4 Maynooth Interchange (Junction 7) and to investigate the provision of a future connection to the M4, west of Maynooth.
- RP 9: To build the-Athy Distributor Road. This road will be linked to the M9 link road.
- ~~RP 10:—~~
- RP 11: To upgrade the section of the N81 National Secondary road (Tallaght/Baltinglass) that is contained in County Kildare.
- RP 12: To co-operate with adjoining authorities and other public authorities regarding new and / or improved road infrastructure.
- RP 13: To co-operate with adjoining authorities and other public authorities regarding new and/or improved road infrastructure at towns bordering the county boundary including Blessington, Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip.
- RP 14: To identify and provide a by-pass of Johnstownbridge and Kilshanchoe.

RP 15: To co-operate with the NRA and other local authorities to provide the Leinster Outer Orbital Route (linking Drogheda, Navan, Trim and Naas) proposed in the '*Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area*' and to protect zones along the key radial routes from Dublin where junctions with the proposed Leinster Orbital Route may be constructed in accordance with the NRA Corridor Protection Study and once a route corridor has been identified to preserve this corridor free from development.

RP 16: To improve and re-align where necessary the Regional roads set out in Table 6.1

## Chapter 18 Environs Plans

### 18 Environs Plans

#### Athy Environs

The Council has zoned lands in the environs of the Athy town council administrative boundary as indicated on Map 18.7 and 18.8A as follows:

- **AE 1: Industrial / Warehousing**

This zoning objective is to facilitate the expansion of an existing industrial and warehousing use at Gallowshill, Athy. This zone relates to the Gateway Business Campus and provides for any future expansion of this campus. Future development will be for low-density employment of the light industrial and industrial office type. This site is a key gateway to the town and therefore high quality design, finish and landscaping of development will be particularly important. (Map 18.7)

- **AE 2: New Low Density Residential**

This zoning provides for low-density residential development. Low density residential development (15-20 dwellings per hectare / 6-8 per acre) is appropriate at urban-rural transition areas at the edge of towns. No development shall be permitted within this zoning in advance of the necessary physical infrastructure, including the provision of a section of the Athy Distributor Road (Map 18.8A).

Map 18.8A Athy Environs (Bennetsbridge)



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Legend :

-  Athy Town Council Area
-  AE 2: New Low Density Residential
-  AE 3: Open Space & Amenity
-  New Roads Objectives (Indicative only)

Athy Environs (Bennetsbridge)

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