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Re. Submission to the Draft Direction on the Clare County Development Plan, 2023 - 2029

Dear Sir/Madam,

TII has only recently become aware of the advertisement of the Draft Ministerial Direction on the Clare County Development Plan, 2023 - 2029. TII was not formally notified of the public consultation.

TII notes that the Draft Ministerial Direction includes recommendations relating to the adoption of policies addressing 'Existing Accesses onto National Secondary Roads' under 'Exceptional Circumstances' of Section 11.2.9.3 of the Development Plan.

In relation to policies concerning 'Existing Accesses onto National Secondary Roads' under 'Exceptional Circumstances' of Section 11.2.9.3 of the Development Plan, TII's observations remain as set out in the Authority's submission on the Draft Development Plan of 9 March, 2022, as well as on the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plan of 22 December, 2022, which indicated;

Exceptional Circumstances provisions included in Section 11.2.9.3 of the Draft Plan relating to Existing Accesses onto National Secondary Roads conflict with official policy provisions and were recommended to be removed from the Plan in the Chief Executives Report.

TII maintains the position that such provisions should be omitted from the Plan to ensure adherence to the provisions of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012). In addition, TII considers such provisions conflict with official policy, including Regional Policy Objectives RPO 140 and RPO 153 of the Southern Region Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

Having regard to the foregoing, TII wishes to confirm support for the Draft Ministerial Direction relating to 'Existing Accesses onto National Secondary Roads' under 'Exceptional Circumstances' of Section 11.2.9.3 of the Development Plan.

I trust the foregoing is of assistance. As previously advised, TII is available to discuss any issues related to the County Development Plan and national roads with the Executive of the Council.

Yours sincerely,

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