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**Re. Proposal to Revoke the Southern Environs Local Area Plan, 2021 - 2027**

Dear Sir/Madam,

TII acknowledges receipt of notice of the proposal to revoke the Southern Environs Local Area Plan, 2021 – 2027.

The Council will be aware of the submissions made by TII during the course of the preparation and adoption of the Southern Environs Local Area Plan, 2021 – 2027. Within the Southern Environs Local Area Plan area, LSMATS recognises localised congestion on the M7/N18 Limerick City Bypass grade separated junctions, in particular, at the Ballysimon Interchange and Dock Road Interchange.

TII advises that the adopted Southern Environs Local Area Plan reduced the zoning designations in the vicinity of the Dock Road Junction and did not introduce any additional zoning designations in the vicinity of the Rosbrien Junction (N7/N20 Junction 30) or the Ballysimon Junction (N7/N24 Junction 29).

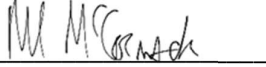
TII notes that the approach to development in the vicinity of national road junctions adopted in the Southern Environs Local Area Plan, 2021 – 2027, is not reflected in the recent adoption of the County Development Plan, 2022 – 2028, which includes additional zoning proposals in the vicinity of the Dock Road Junction, as well as in the vicinity of the Rosbrien and Ballysimon Junctions.

The additional zoning proposals at the national road junctions included in the adopted Development Plan appear to be adopted in the absence of any evidence base or adherence to the requirements outlined in Section 2.7 of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (DoECLG, 2012).

As such, having regard to the foregoing, prior to revoking the Southern Environs Local Area Plan, 2021 – 2027, TII would support a review of the proposed Development Plan zoning designations in the vicinity of the national road junctions included in the adopted County Development Plan to ensure closer alignment with that adopted in the Southern Environs Local Area Plan in the interests of safeguarding the strategic function and levels of safety of the national road network and associated junctions, in accordance with the provisions of official policy.

It is respectfully requested that the above observations are taken into consideration prior to any decision to revoke the Southern Environs Local Area Plan, 2021 – 2027.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M McCormack", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael McCormack  
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cc. Office of the Planning Regulator