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Rialaitheora Pleanála
Office of the
Planning Regulator

31st August 2021

Senior Executive Officer,
Planning Department,
Kildare County Council,
Áras Chill Dara,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co. Kildare

Re: Adopted Athy Local Area Plan 2021-2027

A chara,


The Office of the Planning Regulator acknowledges the adoption of the Athy Local Area Plan 2021-2027 by the members of Kildare County Council on the 3rd August 2021.

The Office welcomes the response to the recommendations and observations made by the Office, and acknowledges the reasoning provided by the elected members in deciding not to remove PMA 21. Notwithstanding the specific local conditions relevant in this case, the provision of improved walking and cycling connectivity is key to providing a safe and convenient environment for the local community and reducing car-dependency in line with government policy on climate action. The efforts of your authority to provide improved connectivity elsewhere in Athy, and the manner in which the Area Based Transport Assessment informed the preparation of the plan are strongly commended by the Office.

In this context, the Office would advise the planning authority to monitor the implementation of the active travel measures in the adopted local area plan in respect of any targets for modal shift or similar contained in the forthcoming county development plan.

In summary, the Office welcomes the adoption of the Athy Local Area Plan 2021-2027, and looks forward to continued engagement with Kildare County Council in the implementation of national policy at the local level.

Is mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "AM O'Connor." with a period at the end.

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Deputy Planning Regulator

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