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Proposed Variation No. 3

Removal of indicative line for Road Proposal, "N3 – N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange"

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PROPOSED VARIATION 3

Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

1. INTRODUCTION

This proposed Variation No. 3 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 seeks to remove the indicative line for the Road Proposal, "*N3 – N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange*", as shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South. This is in response to *"enhancing Motorway Operations Services, M50 Resilience between M50 J6 and J7, Scoping Study"* published by Transport Infrastructure Ireland in May 2019.

Good planning practice dictates that Planning Authorities and their Development Plans are consistent with the objectives of other statutory bodies, where relevant. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) published a report in May 2019 in response to the need for a comprehensive diversion route network for the M50 Motorway. The report outlines the need for improved alternatives to the M50, discusses the existing alternative orbital routes between Junctions 6 and 7 on the M50 and proposes options that could be considered as part of wider orbital transport network improvements in Dublin. 11 route options have been identified in the TII study. Having regard to the 11 route options which have been identified, and in order to allow effective appraisal and avoid potential for prioritisation of a mapped route, it is considered pertinent to remove the indicative line shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South, Fingal Development Plan, 2017 – 2023 in order to facilitate final route selection.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATIONS

Appendix 1 and 2 of this document incorporates Environmental Determinations (SEA and AA) prepared in accordance with Section 169 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Article 179 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 and Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

SEA Determination

A SEA Determination Screening Report on the Proposed Variation Amendments has been prepared and has informed the SEA Determination. The SEA Determination is included in Appendix 1 of this document and, for background information purposes, the SEA Determination Screening Report is available as a separate document.

AA Determination

An AA Determination Screening Report on the Proposed Variation Amendments has been prepared and has informed the AA Determination. The AA Determination is included in Appendix 2 of this document and, for background information purposes, the AA Determination Screening Report is available as a separate document.

3. HOW TO MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS/OBSERVATIONS

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023, the SEA Determination or AA Determination may be made to Fingal County Council between **10th January 2020** and **7th February 2020** (inclusive) as follows:

Online: www.consult.fingal.ie
Post: Proposed Variation No. 3 Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 X8Y2.
E-mail: devplan@fingal.ie

Written submissions or observations should be made by one prescribed medium only and should include:

- Full name and address of person making submission/observation; and
- Details of organisation/community group/company represented where relevant.

Any written submissions or observations made to the Planning Authority from **10th January 2020** to 5.00pm **7th February 2020** in respect of the proposed Variation and associated screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Screening for Appropriate Assessment will be taken into consideration before the making of the Variation.

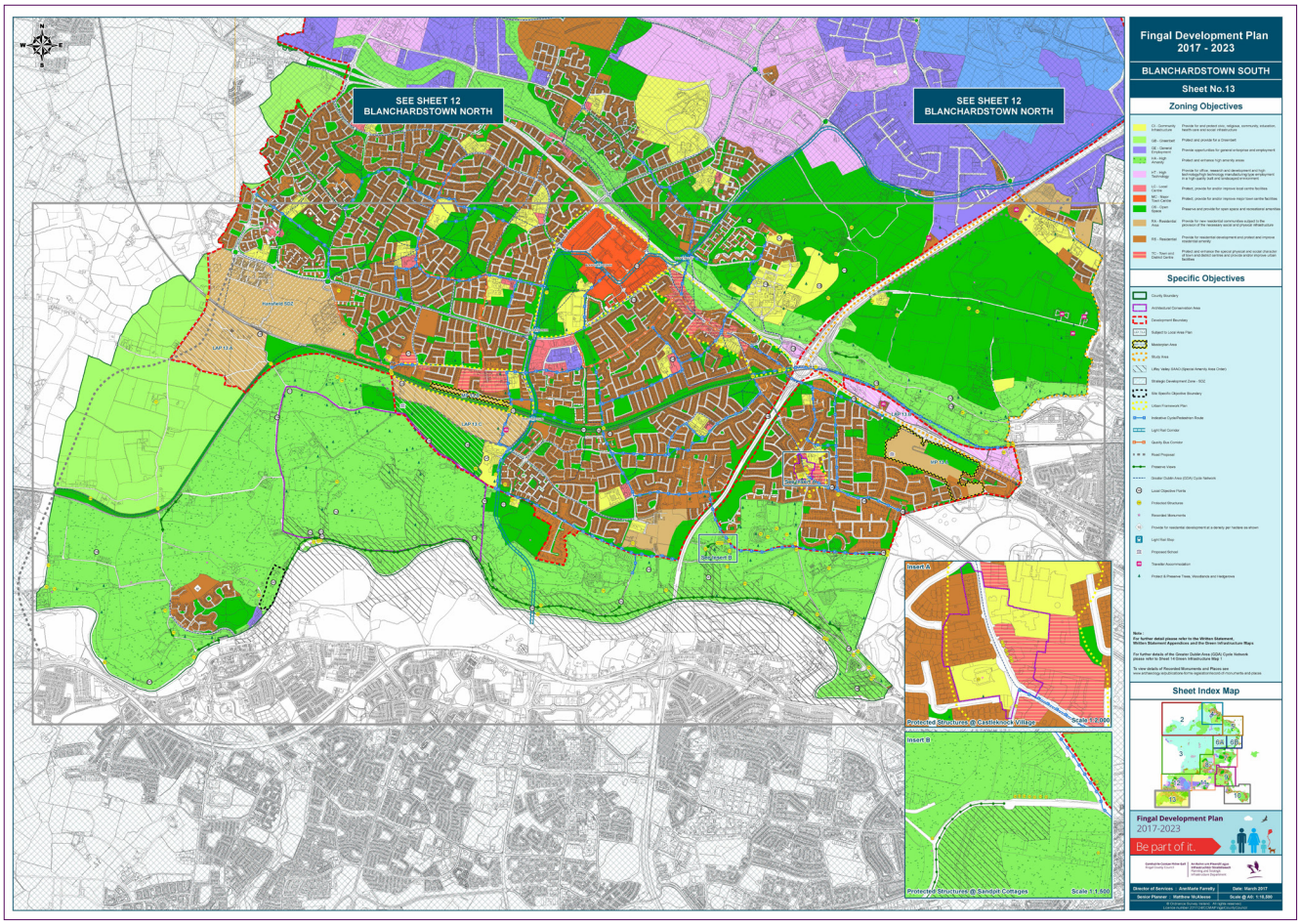
Written submissions or observations received by the Planning Authority in relation to the proposed Variation may be published on the website of the planning authority. The details including the names of those making submissions may be shared with relevant Council Departments or their agents involved in the making of the Variation and may form part of reports linked to the making of the Variation. The Chief Executives Report on submissions and observations received will include the names of those who made submissions or observations and will be included in the minutes of that meeting and subsequently published on Fingal County Council's website.

Submissions not relating to the Variation as outlined above and/or the associated Environmental Determinations cannot be taken into account.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND RATIONALE

It is proposed to remove the indicative line of the "*N3-N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange*" Road Proposal shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South, linking Barnwell Roundabout to the N4/ M4 Leixlip Interchange as shown below.

Existing Sheet 13



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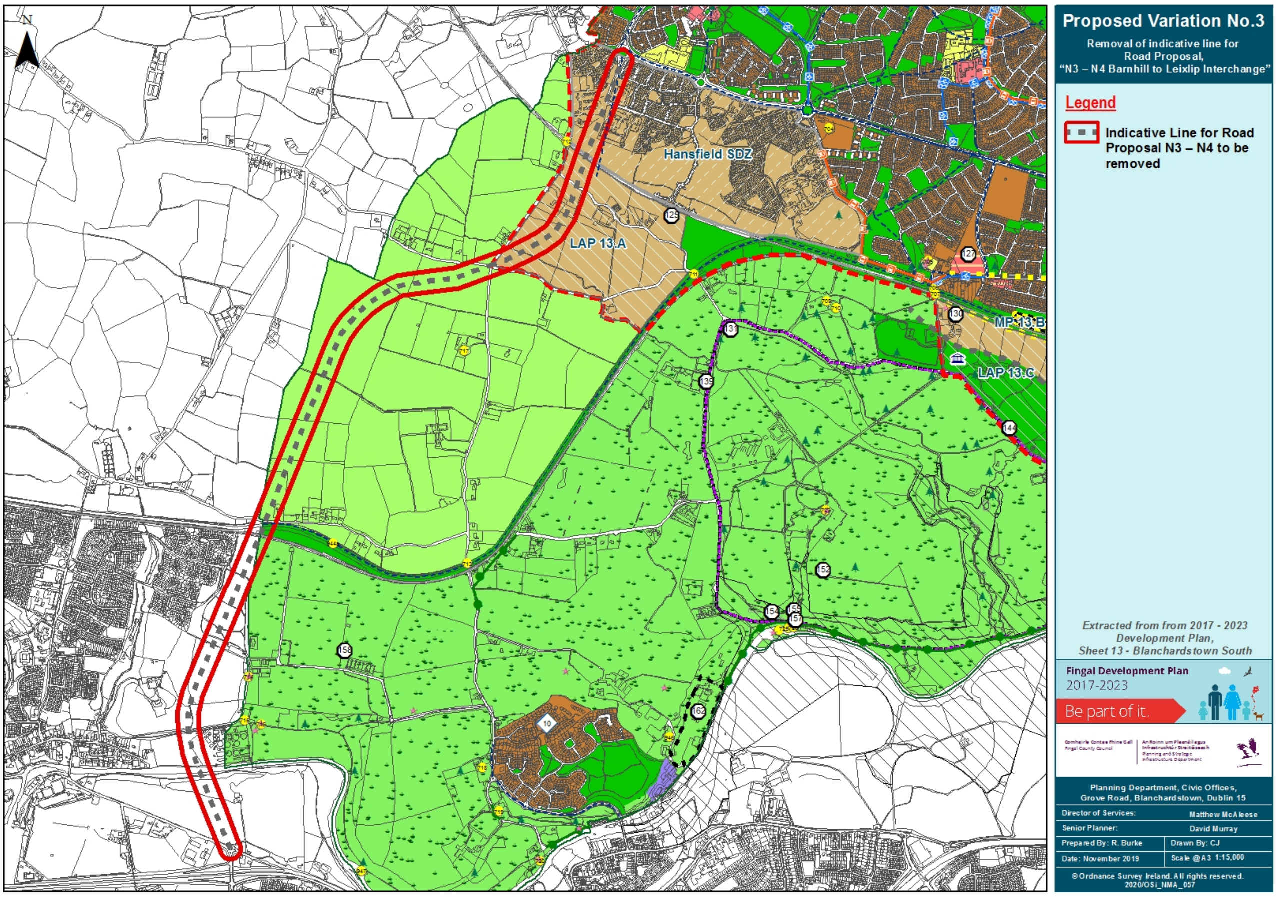
Extract from Sheet 13 Blanchardstown South: showing indicative line of proposed road (to be removed)

Detail of the same:



This proposed Variation No. 3 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 seeks to remove the indicative line of Road Proposal, “*N3 – N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange*”, as shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South.

This road proposal runs from the Barnwell Roundabout at the Ongar Distributor Road in a southerly direction, through the Hansfield SDZ area and the Barnhill LAP lands to the R149 and Passifyoucan, continuing to move south to where the Royal Canal meets the R149, at the boundary of Fingal and County Kildare and from there it moves through County Kildare to the N4/M4 Leixlip Interchange.

TII published *“enhancing Motorway Operations Services, M50 Resilience between M50 J6 and J7, Scoping Study”* in May 2019. This feasibility study considers 11 routes. More detailed analysis will be required before any preferred route emerges. Given the number of routes under consideration, it is considered pertinent to remove the indicative line shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South in the absence of a final route being selected.

Furthermore, it is noted that this indicative line is shown outside of the Fingal Area and the remit of the Fingal Development Plan does not extend beyond the Fingal boundary.