

C/o The Administrative Officer,  
Forward Planning,  
Kildare County Council,  
Áras Chill Dara,  
Devoy Park,  
Naas,  
Co. Kildare.  
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**Re: Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029**

To whom it may concern,

In relation to the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 I wish to make the following submission on Chapter 5: Sustainable Mobility and Transport, Road and Street Network, and specifically the continuing inclusion of the “Gallops Avenue” as a priority road project (Table 5.4 – Priority Road and Bridge Projects) under Council objective TM058.

The proposed road scheme “The Gallops Avenue”, previously referred to as the “Naas Inner Relief Road”, has already been rejected by the democratically elected Naas Municipal District through a statutory Part 8 process.

I object to the continuing inclusion of “The Gallops Avenue”, linking the R410 to the R445 – Blessington Road to Dublin Road, as a priority road project under Council objective TMO58. Given the level of vehicular traffic, and in particular HGV traffic, projected to use the route corridor the feasibility of the proposed road is questionable as best practice design in accordance with DMURS may not be achievable.

The design and delivery of an alternative route located on a corridor to the east of Naas Racecourse should be a stated objective of any Plan as this route will protect the existing settled communities from traffic, noise, and air pollution and will, in the long term, provide better traffic relief along the Blessington Road and Dublin Road, in Naas town centre, and at all associated junctions.

Yours sincerely,

  
Gavin Mc Dermott