

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029

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Re: Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029

Dear Sir / Madam,

Introduction

I enclose a written submission in relation to various aspects of the proposed **Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029**. This road is on the same area as the Naas Inner Relief Road which was previously rejected. I would request that each and every one of the points below be fully considered.

Traffic Calming Measures

Thousands of vehicles will pass our estate each day as a completed ring road of the Town will be in place. In our opinion, it is inevitable that there will be constant and consistent traffic jams outside our estate each day, as traffic moving in both directions along the Dublin road and traffic from Monread has to receive priority at some stage. This junction will become a mess with traffic each day.

Solitude, Peace and Quiet

We have lived in complete solitude and quiet in this cul-de-sac estate, apart from days when the races are on (as the gates of the racecourse are then opened). I have become too accustomed at this stage to peace and quiet, so a decision to put such a major "Ring Road" beside us at this stage would be disastrously upsetting. It would severely affect the settled nature of our community, and we would have a severe and unprecedented loss of amenity, in terms of no longer being able to access and enjoy the serenity, quiet and peacefulness of the racecourse and its environs.

Environmental Issues

It is obvious that there would be complete and utter gridlock at our estate each day as traffic seeks to grind its way past the traffic lights onto the Dublin Road. Resting vehicles produce far greater and heavier levels of air pollution than moving vehicles.

Noise Pollution

Accurate noise pollution data and analysis must be provided in relation to where gridlock will surely occur at our estate for hours each day. Is it lawful for such levels of noise pollution to be endured daily.

Air Pollution

Accurate air pollution data and analysis must be provided in relation to where gridlock will surely occur at our estate for hours each day.

Traffic on Racedays

A perfect example of, in my opinion, the nonsensical nature of the road is to have a look at the traffic coming down our road just after a future race meeting. This traffic would not even replicate rush hour traffic and you will see that within 2-3 minutes, it is backed up past Kings Court and completely stuck.

Traffic Dangers

The proposed route is pretty much straight from the end of the Gallops all the way along Kings Court (residential areas with very young children) and some traffic just bombs up and down there on race meeting days.

This route seriously increases the risk of the fatality of a young child or an elderly person along the proposed "Ring Road". The proposals will have a detrimental effect on how the children in the estate have been able to enjoy the safe confines of same to date.

Visual

We understand a High Block Wall or something similar would need to be erected in front of our houses. Not only are they very unsightly, but they also encourage anti-social behaviour with graffiti, dumping etc.

Conclusion

If a road is required, surely the solution is to go through non-residential areas, be wide enough for major artery "Ring Road" traffic, and head straight towards the "big ball" or the Johnstown interchange in order to interface there. Our road is just an estate road that was not built to be the end of such a major road, with thousands of light and heavy vehicles on it day after day.

It will also have a detrimental impact upon residential amenities, the visual impact and character of the estate, external appearance of buildings, loss of privacy, overshadowing, car parking, health effects on pedestrians/cyclists and the ability to enjoy a quiet and safe residential environment.

I trust you will give consideration to our points listed above.

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