

The Town Clerk
Naas Town Council
Aras Chill Dara.
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Naas, Co. Kildare.

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Re: Naas Town Development Plan Review

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission/observation in relation to the above.

With the phenomenal growth in the area and the huge increase in population, ongoing changes and upgrades in infrastructure would obviously be required & expected to cater for these changes.

I might suggest in the *short* term:

- 1) The completion of the "ring roads project" i.e. linking the Dublin road to Blessington road should be addressed allowing vehicular traffic divert around the town, avoiding the centre as and when required (not least when events are held at Punchestown & Naas Race course).
- 2) The greater "greening" & pedestrianisation of the town centre i.e. at the Presbyterian church and at Poplar Square (we can hardly be proud of Poplar Square without the poplar trees!). It would be more ideal to have cars divert and avoid the main street altogether; but this would be a major cultural shift in the way we perceive our town and the habits of a lifetime.

In the *longer* term:

- A) Public Transport upgrading is an ongoing key issue. It should be possible to put on the agenda with Iarnrod Eireann the idea of a spur or loop line at or near Sallins serving Naas town now and future generations, catering for the continued exponential growth.

Thank you for your kind attention and look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely



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