

Summary of provisions in relation to the better integration of transport and land use planning

This document sets out a summary of the proposals approved by Government for the better integration of land use and transportation planning to be incorporated into legislation establishing a Dublin Transport Authority.

- ◆ Regional and planning authorities will be under a statutory obligation to consult with the Dublin Transport Authority (DTA) in preparing regional planning guidelines, development plans and local area plans.
- ◆ When preparing and making development plans and local area plans, planning authorities in the Greater Dublin Area will be required to ensure that they are in broad conformity with regional planning guidelines and the strategic transport plan of the DTA.
- ◆ The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will have the power to issue directions to the Regional Authorities in relation to the exercise of their powers in respect of regional planning guidelines – this will supplement the existing power of direction of the Minister in respect of development plans. This will include the power to issue directions in respect of both draft guidelines and final guidelines.
- ◆ When preparing draft regional planning guidelines and making final guidelines, the Regional Authorities will be required to prepare a statement annexed to the draft or final guidelines explaining how they have addressed the issues raised by DTA under the statutory consultation process and give reasons where they have not accepted recommendations made by the DTA.
- ◆ The DTA will have a statutory right to make written recommendations to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to draft or final regional planning guidelines and development plans. The Authority may request the Minister to exercise his/her powers of direction in this regard. The Minister will be obliged to consider any such recommendations and to write to the Authority giving reasons where he/she has not accepted recommendations made by the DTA.

- ◆ There will be a statutory requirement on the DTA to ensure that its strategic transport plan is in broad conformity with the regional planning guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area.
- ◆ The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in consultation with the Minister for Transport, will have the power to require that an existing development plan or local area plan be in broad conformity with the regional planning guidelines or the strategic transport plan of the DTA.
- ◆ The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will be given power to make regulations, in consultation with the DTA, specifying classes of proposed development, which will require the submission of a transport impact assessment as part of an application for planning permission. The applicant will be required, through the assessment or otherwise, to demonstrate that the proposed development is in broad conformity with the strategic transport plan of the DTA.
- ◆ A planning authority in the Greater Dublin Area will be required to satisfy itself, before granting permission for any development which requires a transport impact assessment, that the applicant has demonstrated that it is in broad conformity with the strategic transport plan of the DTA. Refusal of permission on the grounds of non-conformity will not give rise to a right to compensation under the Planning and Development Acts.

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