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RE: N4 ACTIVE TRAVEL COLLOONEY TO CASTLEBALDWIN SCHEME PUBLIC CONSULTATION NO. 2

A Chara,

The Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) welcome the opportunity to engage in the development of **Active Travel Collooney to Castlebaldwin Scheme**.

The development of a new cycleway and pedestrian network is consistent with regional policy outlined in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032 for the Northern & Western Region (RSES). **'Facilitating modal shift to more sustainable transport options, including walking and cycling is a key element in promoting healthier lifestyles, better traffic management and assisting in mitigating climate change.'** Chapter 6 – (Growth Ambition 3 - Connectivity, of RSES)

This emphasis on the 'modal shift' to more sustainable options, such as cycling and walking is reflected in the following Regional Policy Objectives: i.e. RPO 4.5 RPO 4.14, RPO 6.23, RPO 6.26 RPO 6.29 RPO 6.31

The NWRA commends the overarching objective of this scheme, to provide continuous pedestrian and cycle (i.e. Active Travel) facilities from Collooney to Castlebaldwin, which will improve safety and accessibility for all, and notes that it is envisaged that the scheme will integrate with the wider Active Travel network. including the Sligo Greenway, the SLNCR Greenway and existing facilities from Toberbride Business Park to Doorly Rd, improving local and regional connectivity.

It is noted that this stage of the scheme is to establish the preferred option for the line of the approximate route.

The NWRA recommends that a solution which provides a maximum of pedestrian and cyclist safety be prioritised and also that this should be in compliance with NTA Cycle Design Manual (CDM) 2023. The NWRA fully supports the design and implementation of **Active Travel Collooney to Castlebaldwin Scheme**, which aligns with Regional travel objectives.

Mise le meas,

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