

A Chara, SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF EDENDERRY GAA CLUB.

Edenderry GAA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Edenderry Local Area Plan 2021-2017. We are supportive of the aim and objectives of the plan and welcome ambition set out in the document. As recognised in the Draft Plan, Edenderry GAA operates a significant sports campus in the Town and recently expanded its facility. Our landholding extends to c. 19 acres, occupying sites on the eastern and western side of the Carrick Road. We welcome the Land Use Zoning Objectives applied to our landholdings. The majority of our lands are zoned LUZO-10 Open Space, Amenity and Recreation with a small parcel at Weavers Fields zoned LUZO-05 Strategic Residential Reserve. As the majority of our participants are younger members of our community, we strive for safe access to our grounds from all areas of the town and we fully support active travel. In this regard, Edenderry welcome the Option Development and Assessment section contained in the Draft Local Transport Plan, Appendix 2 of the Draft Plan. Broadly, we support the planned options and the intention to reallocate road-space within Edenderry to walking and cycling. As a priority, Edenderry would like to see the delivery of WO19 & WP12 to improve the footway along R401 from the Junction of the Inner Relief Road to Edenderry GAA. This narrow footway is regularly flooded, forcing pedestrians onto the roadway. The area is also poorly lit and this compounds the safety issues at night time. We recently installed a floodlit Astro facility and as a consequence we have more participation during hours of darkness. We give a cautious welcome to WO20, CO18 & WCP12 and the ambition to create a footway/Cycleway link from Edenderry GAA southward to L-1028-2. In principle we agree that an alternative (off-road) corridor from our Weavers Fields Site to the L-1028-2 would be of benefit, particularly for younger members and from the new school site. However, we wish to highlight that since the opening of our new site at Weavers Fields, our facilities have been vandalised on a number of occasions. The opening of an additional entrance to the rear of our lands could exacerbate these problems. We have installed CCTV at a significant cost to the club but this would need to be extended to cover a new entry point. We would welcome an opportunity to input into any design proposal in this area to ensure our security concerns are taken into account. Many thanks for the opportunity to make a submission to the plan. If you wish to meet to discuss anything further, we would be delighted to facilitate your Forward Planning Team at Edenderry GAA.