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**Material Amendments to Draft Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027  
Submission by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI)  
Navan Racecourse**

We write to make a submission on the Material Amendments to the draft Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027. HRI welcomes to the opportunity to contribute to the new Development Plan that will guide and encourage investment in Meath until 2027.

HRI is the national authority for thoroughbred racing in Ireland, with responsibility for the governance, development, and promotion of racecourses including Fairyhouse and Navan. As noted in the current and draft Development Plan, the equine industry important both economically and culturally to Meath. Accordingly, we have a keen interest in the continued success of the equine industry in Meath.

This submission relates to Navan Racecourse and is in addition to our submission in respect of Fairyhouse Racecourse.

**HRI Comments on Material Amendments**

We have reviewed the Material Amendments to the draft Development Plan. We believe that the material amendments provide important clarification on key objectives and policies that will contribute to the prosperity of Meath.

We note that several other proposed amendments to the draft Development Plan seek to enhance the accessibility of Meath by a range of transportation modes. This investment in key infrastructure will assist in facilitating the growth priorities of national, regional, and local government for Meath.



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We confirm HRI's support for the following material amendments:

- **Proposed Amendment Chapter 5.9:** To strongly pursue a rail line from Dunboyne / M3 Parkway to Navan
- **Proposed Amendment Chapter 5.10:** As part of the future planning of the Dunboyne/ M3 Parkway line to Navan, the possibility of a spur serving Ashbourne and Ratoath should be explored
- **Proposed Amendment Chapter 5.22:** To promote the delivery of the following key strategic roads included but not limited to: Ratoath Outer Relief Road, Bryanstown Link Road (Drogheda), Navan Road – Dublin Road Link, Trim, M3 Junction 6/R125 to R147 distributor road.

We trust that these representations will be considered in the final Meath Development Plan 2021-2017. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to me at these offices.

Yours faithfully

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