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To whom it may concern,

I write to make a submission regarding the First Revision to the National Planning Framework Consultation.

As an Oireachtas member in Co. Meath and an elected representative for the county for 25 years the main matter I wish to raise is in relation to the Navan Rail project.

I have campaigned on the need for a rail line to Navan my entire political career and I am delighted that significant progress has been made in recent times with the appointment of a design team imminent and public consultations expected to begin in the coming months.

This is a significant project for the county, region and country so I will have to insist on the inclusion of the Navan rail project within the National Planning Framework.

While I note the Navan rail project's inclusion in the National Development Plan and the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy given the overriding significance of the National Planning Framework, I believe this should at the very least be reinforced with its inclusion as part of this revision NPF.

I would also like to note that there is no reference to Transport Orientated Development (TOD) opportunities outside of the Cities and Metropolitan Areas. With the progression of the Navan rail project through the planning process beginning it is key that Navan and the proposed rail project is included as TOD project and also more widely that TOD opportunities be a key element of the plan outside of the main cities.

I would also like to support the proposals made by Meath County Council in relation to population growth projections.

Kind regards,

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