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Submission to the Draft RSES for the Eastern & Midland Region.

Firstly I want to endorse and support the Meath County Council submission to the Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES).

My submission concentrates on a number of specific areas as follows. [REDACTED]

Rural Areas:

The policy objectives of the Draft RSES in its present format have the capacity to curtail and downgrade the future development of rural Ireland. [REDACTED]

The inequitable focus on the Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) and Regional Growth Centres to the detriment of the development of Towns, Villages and Rural areas will lead to an imbalance in both population and economic growth nationwide.

Specifically in Meath, over 35% of the land area of the County is within the Kells Municipal District. Kells MD is basically those parts of the County north of Navan. It is imperative that any future Meath Development Plan has within it the capacity to deliver economic, housing and infrastructural growth to this Rural North Meath community and the districts urban centre of Kells town. I am concerned that the lack of focus within the Draft RSES for future rural development will have the negative impact of statutorily restricting Meath County County ability to permit development plan policies and objectives to promote the sustainable development of North Meath.

In relation to the Regional Policy Objectives (RPO's) included in the Draft RSES for "One Off Rural Housing", a policy statement along the following lines should be included.

"Persons who are an intrinsic part of the rural community will be facilitated in living in that community".

Connectivity:

The delivery of Phase 2 of the Navan Rail Project is essential to the future sustainable development of the region. The rail line will not only service the people of Navan and Central Meath but would also facilitate a demand from the populations of North Meath, Cavan and Westmeath for sustainable rail travel. [REDACTED]

With the constant grid lock on the M50 and plans to further expand the MASP, why is the delivery of the Outer Orbital Route not a priority infrastructural objective of the RSES? [REDACTED]

From an All Ireland perspective and the inclusivity of all the regions, an increased focus on the Dublin - Derry/Letterkenny corridor is essential.

Provision of Health Services:

The development of a new North East Regional Hospital based in Navan should be included in the RPO's. for this sector.

Landscape:

The RPOs in this section should specify the protection and conservation of heritage sites and views within the regions landscape.

Energy Infrastructure:

The relevant RPO in this section should include a statement to “support the Undergrounding of the North-South Interconnector”.

Overall vision and objectives of the RPO [REDACTED]

It is noted that the vision of the Draft RSES “is a strategic plan and investment framework to shape the future development of our region to 2031 and beyond”.

I would ask that in finalizing the plan that you do not lose sight of the policy of “Putting People First”.

Please ask the question;

Have we established what the people of our region want and have we delivered, in the RSES, sustainable policy objectives to deliver how and where the people want to live their life’s?

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