

Mr. Jim Conway,
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Dear Mr Conway,

Wexford Council welcomes amendment to **Number 6** to Section 3.2 (Growth Enablers) of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) - *Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)* which reads:

Facilitate collaboration to support the development of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor, to drive synergy in the Drogheda-Dundalk-Newry cross border network and strengthen economic links with the South East extending to Rosslare Europort.

Wexford County Council request that this amendment is amended as follows:

*Facilitate collaboration to support the development of the **Eastern Economic Corridor** from Dublin-Belfast-Rosslare Europort, to drive synergy in the Drogheda-Dundalk-Newry cross border network and strengthen economic links with the South East extending to Rosslare Europort.*

A strong economic corridor with supporting infrastructure will provide sustainable employment opportunities through clustering along the corridor, which will reduce commuting, and provide a spatial balance, relieving pressures in the Dublin region. This strong corridor, which contains ports at Belfast, Dublin and Rosslare will also be a crucial corridor for post Brexit trade. The importance of the Eastern Economic Corridor is recognised in the RSES for the Southern Regional Assembly and it is crucial that it is included in the EMRA RSES to ensure effective implementation.

WCC also request that the Eastern Economic Corridor and Rosslare Harbour are referenced as above in the following Amendments to the RSES:

Amendment Number 7 - Add to Growth Enablers for Dublin City and Metropolitan Area item sub-number 6.

Amendment Number 8 - Add to Growth Enablers for the Core Region sub-number 2

Amendment Number 9 - Add to Growth Enablers for the Gateway Region sub-number 2

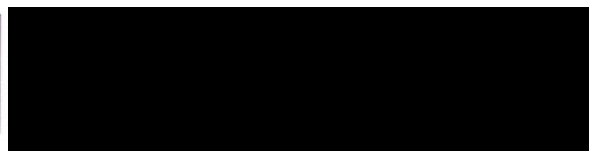
Amendment Number 12 - Add to Guiding Principles for Core Strategies sub-number 6

Amendment 24 - Add to New RPO Drogheda

Amendment 38 - Add to New RPO Bray

Amendment 48 - Add to New RPO - Wicklow Rathnew

Amendment 68 - Add to Guiding Principles sub-number 3



WCC also request that the Eastern Economic Corridor and Rosslare Harbour are referenced as above where in the following Sections of the RSES:

- **Section 3.1 - Growth Strategy** – inclusion of Eastern Economic Corridor on Map extending south of Dublin and text and reference to Rosslare Harbour therein (pg. 27)
- **Section 3.2 - Collaboration** (pg. 31)
- **Section 4.2 - Settlement Strategy** – inclusion of Eastern Economic Corridor on Map extending south of Dublin (pg. 39)
- **Section 6.4 - Region's Economic Engines** (pg. 94) and specifically the Dublin-Belfast Corridor (pg. 95)
- **Section 6.6 - Trade** (pg.107)
- **Chapter 8. – Connectivity** (pg. 140)

Wexford County Council would be grateful for the consideration and inclusion of these matters in the amended RSES.



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