

Submission Details

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Development Address	Questum Acceleration Centre Ballingarrance Science and Technology Prk

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Re. 'Part 8 in respect of proposed Modular Extension to the Questum Acceleration Centre'

Dear Mr. Beck,

TII acknowledges receipt of the above Part VIII development proposal. It is noted that the proposed development accesses the N24, national primary road, via a roundabout junction at a location where a 100kph speed limit applies. TII requests that the following observations are taken into consideration in the assessment of the subject Part VIII proposal.

Under National Policy Objective 74, the National Planning Framework Project (NPF) indicates the requirement to secure the alignment of the NPF with the National Development Plan (NDP) through the delivery of the NPF's National Strategic Outcomes.

Project Ireland 2040, National Development Plan, 2021 - 2030, sets out the key sectoral priority of maintaining Ireland's existing national road network to a robust and safe standard for users. Government also includes the objective to maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the national roads network, including planning for future capacity enhancements, in National Strategic Outcome 2 of the National Planning Framework.

The N24, national primary road, provides important regional and inter-regional connectivity within and through the Southern Region, Tipperary, Clonmel and the Clonmel Environs. The route is an important strategic national road and gives access to regional and national markets and links with other strategic national roads providing onward connection to strategic airport and port locations with access to international markets.

There is a critical need to manage these existing assets in accordance with official Government policy as outlined in the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012), the National Planning Framework, the National Development Plan, and the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland as well as the requirements of Regional Policy Objectives.

The Southern Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, 2019 – 2031, includes Objective RPO 140 which requires maintaining and protecting the strategic transport function of national roads and associated junctions and also RPO 151, RPO 152 and RPO 157 which provide guidance on principles and appropriate Local Planning Objectives for the integration of land use and transport planning and Local Transport Plans (LTP).

The Authority has examined the Part VIII proposal and advises that the following matters need to be addressed prior to a decision been made by the Council:

- The subject site is accessed via a junction on the N24, national road, where a 100kph speed limit applies. TII notes with concern that matters related to managing the impact on the capacity, safety or operational efficiency of the national road network in the vicinity of the site has not been addressed in the documentation provided. The Authority, therefore, is of the opinion that insufficient data has been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development has addressed the impact on the capacity, safety or operational efficiency of the national road network in the vicinity of the site.
- TII considers that the proposal does not include measures to reduce reliance on private cars, nor indicate measures to achieve modal shift to sustainable transportation and also to maintain the strategic function, capacity, and safety of the national roads network.
- The proposed lighting system included in the development proposal along and near the national road should be reviewed to ensure road safety issues do not arise.
- The proposed development is located in a study area for a future national road scheme. The Authority recommends that the planning authority consult with the local national road project team in considering this application.

TII requests resolution of the foregoing matters to ensure adherence to the provisions of official policy and that the strategic function of the national road network and the safety of all road users is safeguarded.

Yours sincerely,



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