

**M7 Osberstown Interchange & R407 Sallins Bypass  
Scheme 2013**

***Planning and Policy Context***

**Brief of Evidence**

**by**

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## **1. Introduction**

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My name is Michael Kenny and I am employed as Senior Planner in the Planning Department of Kildare County Council and am currently A/Director of Services Planning with Kildare County Council.

I hold a BA degree in Geography and a Master's degree in Regional and Urban Planning, both from University College Dublin. I am a member of the Irish Planning Institute and have over thirty year's experience of planning practice in Irish local authorities, including Cork Corporation (as it was), South Dublin County Council and Kildare County Council.

I have been employed as a Senior Planner for Kildare County Council since October 2008 and am responsible for the Development Management and the Forward Planning functions of the Planning Department. This included the preparation of the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017.

## **2. Involvement with the Scheme**

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As Senior Planner for Kildare County Council, I reviewed Chapter 2 (Planning and Policy Context) of the EIS for the proposed scheme, which was prepared by Kieran Kennedy of RPS Planning & Environmental Ltd.

Kieran Kennedy will take this oral hearing through the national, regional and local planning context for the proposed scheme, as more fully set out in Chapter 2 of the EIS, and present an overview of the background and prior planning history of the proposed scheme. Kieran Kennedy will also deal fully with and provide a response to any submissions received by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed scheme which concern planning policy.

## **3. Conformity of the Proposed Scheme with County and Local Planning Policies**

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I confirm that I agree with the considerations and conclusions set out in Chapter 2 (Planning and Policy Context) of the EIS in relation to the proposed scheme being in compliance with county and local planning policies and confirm that the key objectives regarding the proposed scheme are contained in the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017, the Naas Town Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and the Sallins Local Area Plan 2009.

In particular, I confirm that:

- (a) The proposed scheme is in conformity with the provisions of:
  - (i) the Planning and Development Acts 2000- 2014;
  - (ii) the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017;
  - (iii) the Naas Town Development Plan 2011 – 2017; and
  - (iv) the Sallins Local Area Plan 2009.
- (b) The proposed scheme is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- (c) The proposed scheme does not materially affect any extant/live planning permission granted or pending at the location of the proposed scheme.

#### **4. Necessity of Lands for the Proposed Scheme**

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I can also confirm that the lands outlined in red and coloured grey and contained in the Kildare County Council M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass Compulsory Purchase Order 2013 and the lands outlined in red and coloured blue and outlined in red and coloured grey and contained in the Kildare County Council M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass Motorway Order 2013 are required for the purposes of the proposed scheme, namely the construction of a grade separated junction connecting the M7 motorway with the Naas Western Distributor Route and the proposed Sallins Bypass, together with the construction of the Sallins Bypass.

Michael Kenny

May 2014.