



2nd July 2019



To whom it may concern I wish to make the following submission in regard to the proposed CONFHEY URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK (KDA)

- 1 The proposed works to Cope Bridge will make the situation worse for residential areas located east and west of Captain's Hill and lead to further congestion at these pinch points during peak times. In particular it will have a negative impact on accessibility from the estates and lead to more congestion at the bottom of Captain's Hill. It will also result in loss of Hedgerows and green areas at Glendale. Connectivity via Captain's Hill to schools and local shopping will be a nightmare for residents in existing estates due to increased volumes of traffic.
- 2 Irish Water is currently undertaking studies to prepare a Drainage Area Plan (DAP) and model for the Leixlip area. The delivery of the LAP at Confey in accordance with the Urban Design Framework for these lands will require the cooperation of Irish Water. No agreement is in place with Irish Water.
- 3 The groundwater in this area described in the Lap as highly vulnerable with sections of extreme vulnerability. This plan requires a detailed underground and over ground site analysis. No detail is provided of what this analysis will entail, when it will be completed, who will undertake same, what level of expertise they will have and what will be done with the findings. Groundwater in this area is predominantly moderately vulnerable. The objective of the LAP is to encourage protecting these resources from further deterioration with no commitment to improvement works.
- 4 The Confey historical / future flooding risk has been clearly identified. The LAP has no on-site flood risk analysis completed. No criteria offered to show what scale or nature of a development will warrant an on-site flood risk analysis.
- 5 The development will have very negative impact on traffic flow through Main Street and all the local road network in the Confey area.

Signed: Helen Reidy.