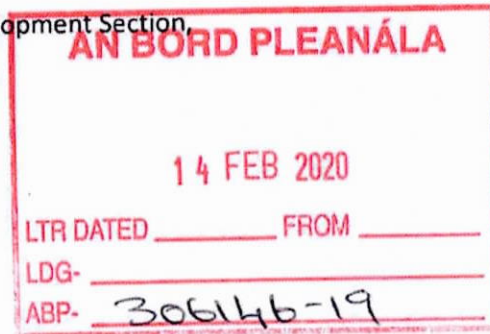


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RE: Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the "NTA") has reviewed the relevant details of the above application to An Bord Pleanála for a road scheme and motorway scheme from Foynes to Limerick and makes the following comments.

Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy

The NTA intend to publish a draft of the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (L-SMATS) in the coming months. The eastern extents of the proposed scheme falls within the Metropolitan Area and its delivery will comprise an objective of the draft L-SMATS. Its inclusion in L-SMATS is based on the following:

- Consistency with the National Planning Framework;
- Supporting the National Ports Policy objective to develop the port of Shannon-Foynes;
- Requirements under the TEN-T Regulations;
- Likely benefits to roads safety; and
- Likely benefits from the removal of through traffic from towns and villages.

As such, the NTA supports the proposed road scheme as a means of promoting the economic development of the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area and the wider Mid-West and South-West areas.

I trust that the views of the NTA are taken into account in the assessment of the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass).

Yours sincerely

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