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To whom in concerns,

Please find attached submission from Local Link Cavan Monaghan in relation to the Development Plan 2019-2025.

Rgds,

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# Local link

## Cavan Monaghan

Laura Nulty  
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9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Laura,

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On behalf of Local Link Cavan Monaghan, I would like to put forward the following suggestions for inclusion in the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019 -2025.

I have put forward a suggested amendment to the existing draft in relation to the profile of our company, if you require anything further on this or wish to amend please give me a call.

I would also like to include a number of suggested policy/actions that I believe would be mutually beneficial going forward, in terms of enhancing the levels of public transport availability in the county. Again, if you need to discuss, I would be happy to meet at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Manager

## Local Link Cavan Monaghan

Local Link Cavan Monaghan (Cavan Monaghan Transport Co-ordination Unit CLG) (CMTCU) was established in 2014 as part of the restructuring of the Rural Transport Programme by the National Transport Authority (NTA), funded by the Department of Transport.

Local Link manages and coordinates over 70 public transport services across both counties. Primarily there are two service types:

- Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) – passengers pre-book their seat on a scheduled service which typically operate one day per week
- Commuter Services – multiple schedules per day along a fixed route and timetable, six days per week

All services are provided by private bus operators, procured through open public tender procedures, and both operators and drivers are garda vetted through the National Transport Authority.

In addition, Local Link Cavan Monaghan is responsible for the development of new passenger transport services in the county, targeting areas where there are deficits in public transport. In 2017, two new commuter services 'M1 Tydavnet, Scotstown, Ballinode to Monahan' and 'M2 Ballybay to Monaghan' were developed and launched, providing up to 9 times per day timetabled options for passengers to access employment, education, health or social needs in Monaghan town.

Local Link Cavan Monaghan are also tasked with the management of transport on behalf of other state bodies in the Cavan Monaghan area, and work closely with these agencies to develop integrated transport models and strive for efficiencies in the use of their transport resources.

Local Link also supports the community and voluntary sector through its 'Social Inclusion' transport fund, organising the transport for one off events and subsidising the costs.

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## Public Transport policies and actions for Monaghan County Development Plan



Support an integrated public transport service linking the villages and main towns in Monaghan that will assist in promoting the sustainable development of the county and services the needs of communities and businesses.

Support sustainable modes of transport by spatially arranging activities around existing and planned high quality public transport systems.

Influence people's travel behaviour and choices towards more sustainable options by working closely with relevant organisations in improving and accessing public transport facilities

Develop sustainable transport solutions within and around the major towns in the county that encourage a transition towards more sustainable modes of transport

Co-operate with and support the National Transport Authority and relevant regional agencies to facilitate the planning, delivery and implementation of improvements to the transport network of the county

Support and facilitate existing public transport in Monaghan town through the creation of a town centre 'hub' that caters for public bus and taxi connections

Improve access to public transport as part of road improvement projects where possible and particularly in urban areas and points of interest i.e. leisure centre

Support and encourage the development and expansion of rural transport initiatives in conjunction with other statutory and development agencies

Liaise with and encourage transport providers and other agencies (e.g. NTA, developers etc.) to provide appropriate bus shelters and real time information panels at bus stops

Crave access to existing high frequency public transport services from existing and planned developments – both residential and non-residential

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