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Chief Executive Officer
Wicklow County Council
County Buildings
Wicklow Town
Co Wicklow



c.c. Wicklow County Council Elected Representatives
c.c. John Brady TD, Pat Casey TD, Stephen Donnelly TD, Andrew Doyle TD, Simon Harris TD

Dear Frank

The Co Wicklow PPN Environmental Network met recently to discuss the impact of fossil fuels on our environment and in climate change. The recent announcement to extend the N11/M11 formed part of this discussion.

The Environmental Network is concerned that if we just build a new third lane and use it as a normal lane, it will quickly fill-up and in a couple of years we will be talking about the need for a fourth lane.

The Network proposes that to reduce and manage congestion on the N11/M11 we need to try something different; for example:

- Make the new third lane a bus and car-pooling lane; a lane that may be used by buses and only those cars carrying three (3) or more passengers.
- Provide free and easily accessible Park 'n Rides at all junctions on the N11/M11.
- Improve and extend existing Park 'n Rides servicing the Luas and Dart lines.
- Increase the number of buses using the N11/M11

A bus and car-pooling lane will

- Maximise efficiency and sustainable use of the new third lane
- Enable a much-improved bus service to and from Dublin City
- Make public transport attractive
- Reduce the number of cars on the road
- Be part of “the whole of Government approach” to Climate Action
- Help Ireland to reduce the carbon emissions from transport and in particular, the carbon that a new third lane would will produce.

We hope that these proposals will be considered in this development and look forward to your response in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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