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**TO: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal District of Newcastle West**

**Re: Update Report on Proposed Distributor Roads for Newcastle West & Abbeyfeale**

A Chomhairloir, A chara,

Both the N21 Newcastle West and N21 Abbeyfeale Schemes are identified in the National Development Plan 2018-2027 to be progressed through pre-appraisal and early planning in 2018.

The Project Appraisal Plan for both schemes were developed and subsequently approved by TII and DTTAS in 2018.

Approval was subsequently given by TII to procure Engineering Consultancy Services for both schemes under the one commission. Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd. were successful in being appointed to both projects in May 2019, to bring them through the planning and statutory approval phases.

The schemes are currently at feasibility stage, which includes for information gathering and the identification of constraints. Route options will be developed thereafter which will be put on public display once developed.

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Tim Fitzgerald  
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