



Ref No: CPU/243 (VAR. 1 TEN-T)(B)

13th October 2020

To: Each Environmental Authority and Adjoining Planning Authorities

Re: Preparation of a Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1) in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended)

Environmental Report Scoping in accordance with Article 13M(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended)

Natura Impact Report Scoping on foot of a Determination that Appropriate Assessment is required (per Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 [As Amended]).

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On the 21st of July 2020 Donegal County Council wrote to your organisation: advising that it had prepared a variation to the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal; notifying you that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) of said variation were required; and further advising that it had commenced SEA and AA scoping and invited comments from your organisation.

However the Council subsequently found it necessary to prepare a new Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1). The Authority has screened the new Proposed Variation and has determined that both Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment are required. Accordingly, and notwithstanding the previous consultation carried out in respect of the previous variation and any comments your organisation may have made in respect of same, it is now necessary to undertake new consultations in respect of the new Proposed Variation.

Accordingly you are notified that Donegal County Council has prepared a new Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1) (**see Proposed Variation attached herewith**) under the provisions for County Development Plan Variations as contained in Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended).

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Environmental Report Scoping

In accordance with Article 13M (1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended) you are hereby notified that:

- (a) the Planning Authority proposes to carry out an environmental assessment of the Proposed Variation of the Development Plan,
- (b) for this purpose, the Planning Authority will prepare an Environmental Report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the Proposed Variation,
- (c) the Environmental Report is required to include the information that may reasonably be required, taking into account—
 - (i) current knowledge and methods of assessment,
 - (ii) the contents and level of detail of the Proposed Variation,
 - (iii) the stage of the Proposed Variation in the decision-making process, and
 - (iv) the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in the decision-making process in order to avoid duplication of environmental assessment, and
- (d) a submission or observation in relation to the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the Environmental Report may be made to the Planning Authority by 4th November, 2020.

Natural Impact Report Scoping

The Authority has also screened for Appropriate Assessment in accordance with Section 177U(1) and has determined that Appropriate Assessment is required. Accordingly you are requested to also provide comments in relation to that process.

In order to inform the above consultation processes, the following documents are attached:

1. The Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1).
2. The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report of the Proposed Variation prepared by the Planning Authority in accordance with Article 13K of the Planning and Development Regulations (As Amended).
3. The Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report of the Proposed Variation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to hearing from you by no later than 4th November 2020.

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