

Eimear Reilly

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Subject: FW: TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal - Pre-Application Consultation Meeting No. 2 Record

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Dear Kieran,

Further to Meeting No. 2 in respect to the Pre-application Consultation Meeting for the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal, please see enclosed some comments in respect to the previous minutes.

For ease of reference, please see relevant extracts from the previous minutes. **Red text indicates proposed additions/amendments**

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Design Progress – Section 2

- Approximately 10km North of section 1
- Topography of area – River Swilly, steep gradients
- River Swilly – SAC and SPA at this location (key consideration)
- Isle Burn SAC – West of Pluck Roundabout
- River is tidal
- Semi-urban nature of Letterkenny, Densities of residential and commercial buildings in the area
- River Swilly crossing - 100-110m of clear span bridge
- Developing an existing flood model

Proposed amendment:

- Developing an existing **scenario** flood model

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Design Progress – Section 3

- Interface between Section 2 & 3. Connection point at Pluck roundabout
- Follows closely to the existing N14 before diverting to connect with the A5 link
- 3 intermediate junctions
- Type 2 dual carriageway
- N14 will be maintained in its entirety

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- Contour levels between 20m and 160m.
 - Separate cycle/pedestrian way proposed to run along the full length of the scheme
 - Accident history at Pluck Roundabout – High gradients on approach. New proposed roundabout to the South which will reduce the gradient on the roundabout
 - Connection with N14/N15 to A5 link
 - Considered several tie-in options to the A5 link
 - Requirement for realignment of A5 link bridge (Requires ABP advice whether this would be considered a material alteration from the scheme previously permitted by ABP)

Proposed amendment:

- Existing N14 will be **substantially** maintained ~~in its entirety~~, and likely to be redesignated
- Accident history at Pluck Roundabout – High gradients on approach. New proposed roundabout to the ~~South~~ **East** which will reduce the gradient on the roundabout.
- Connection with the N14/N15 to A5 Link – **the Project Team are considering options for Statutory Process under the TEN-T Project.**
- ~~Considered several tie-in options to the A5 link~~ **Design and tie-in details are ongoing at this location**
- ~~Requirement for realignment of A5 link bridge (Requires ABP advice whether this would be considered a material alteration from the scheme previously permitted by ABP)~~ **Based on Work-in-Progress / Draft Design (as presented) there is likely amendment to the previous approved design at the N14/N15 tie in and possible realignment of the previously approved A5 Link bridge . When clarified DCC will advise on the proposed approach and seek further ABP advices.**

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come back to us.

Kind regards,
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