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Dear Niamh,

Further to An Bord Pleanála Pre-application Consultation Meeting No. 4 in respect to the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal, and record of the meeting, please see enclosed minor comments/additions to the record:

Proposed amendment noted in *'blue'*:

Section 1

Page 3 of 6, 2nd Paragraph:

It was confirmed that the SAC *'generally'* follows the banks of the river *'in the vicinity of the crossing'*. It was noted that the bridge is extended on both ends, on the north because of the presence of flood plains and on the south to *'preserve the line of a dismantled railway (no longer intact at this location), continued use of the existing R252'* and to allow underbridge access to a landholding.

Section 1

Page 3 of 6, 4th Paragraph:

Improvements to the N15 road were discussed and the junction on the southern end was noted as having *'three'* main constraints, an old railway line, *'localised flooding and ribbon development'*.

Section 2

Page 4 of 6, 5th Paragraph:

The prospective applicant proposes the new road, coming from the south, will replace that section of the existing N13 as a commuter and national road. It is proposed that the *'existing'* N13 be *'severed at one point'* and down graded to a local road. This has been proposed due to the presence of a school, *'a number of local roads and'* multiple dwelling accesses off the road and the steep gradient of the road.

Section 2

Page 4 of 6, 6th Paragraph:

The prospective applicant noted that, due to the topography of the area *'approaching Letterkenny from the south'*, a lot of this new section of road will be within a cutting.

Section 2

Page 5 of 6, 2nd Paragraph:

The prospective applicant referred to the discontinued railway line, noting that only short sections of same are still in place. When questioned by the Board's representative it was confirmed that the proposed development would not restrict access to the railway *'with provision of alternative access provided'*.

Section 2

Page 5 of 6, 6th Paragraph:

The Dromore area eastward of section 2 of the road scheme is primarily an online route with a new grade separated junction *'which will replace existing access points (primarily left-in : left-out)'*.

Section 3

Page 5 of 6, 1st Paragraph:

Section 3 *'commences at the N13/N14 junction near Manorcunningham and continues southeast where it' terminates south of Lifford town /Strabane'* and is *'approximately 18km'* in length.

Section 3

Page 5 of 6, 2nd Paragraph:

The prospective applicant referred to the disused railway line, noting that the section of line along this part of the route is still relatively intact. *'A possible connection to the disused railway line is being investigated, which could facilitate connection from the Section 3 active travel network onto the dismantled railway line, should a future greenway be developed'*.

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

Kind regards,
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