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Date: 7th July 2020

RE: TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal – Donegal County Council Pre-Application Consultation

FAO: Mr. Shaun McGee, Administrative Assistant

A Chara,

Further to Donegal County Council's pre-application consultation request dated 25th June 2020, and in response to APB email correspondence outlining that the previously sent Option Selection Report (OSR) could not be accessed, please find herewith a copy of the OSR on both USB card and CD.

I trust that the files will now be accessible. Should you however have any difficulties or queries concerning the attached documents, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

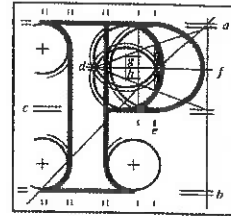


Rodney Irwin
Executive Engineer

Enc: Option Selection Report (USB)
Option Selection Report (CDx3)

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Mrs Aine McHugh - Senior Executive Engineer
Donegal National Roads Office
Donegal County Council
Donegal Public Services
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Co. Donegal

Date: 03 July 2020

Re: Ten-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal which improves vital improvements to three sections of the National Road Network.
Section 1: N13/N15 Ballybofey Stranorlar Bypass,
Section 2: N13/N14/N56 Letterkenny Bypass and Dual Carriageway to Manorcunningham,
Section 3: N14 Manorcunningham to Lifford.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your request to enter into pre-application consultations under section 51A of the Roads Act 1993, as amended, in respect of the above mentioned proposed road development.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this request.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Mac Giollarnáth
Executive Officer
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25th June, 2020

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RE: TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal – Donegal County Council Pre-Application Consultation

A Chara,

Donegal County Council are currently progressing the design of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal which provides vital improvements to three sections of National Road Network in Donegal as follows:

Section 1: N13/N15 Ballybofey Stranorlar Bypass

Section 2: N13/N14/N56 Letterkenny Bypass and Dual Carriageway to Manorcunningham

Section 3: N14 Manorcunningham to Lifford

It is programmed that Donegal County Council will be ready to submit an application under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 to An Bord Pleanála in Q1 2021.

The Project is currently at Phase 3 Design & Environmental Evaluation (Transport Infrastructure Ireland - Project Management Guidelines), and consists of approximately 32km of Protected Road of which are primarily new greenfield road construction, with the exception of online improvements to approximately 4km of existing Type 1 Dual Carriageway. There is a road crossing of the River Finn SAC to the west of Ballybofey between the townlands of Cappry and Ironworks (Section 1). There is a further road crossing of the Lough Swilly SAC between the townlands of Ballyraine and Bonagee (Section 2). The Project finishes to the south of Lifford Town connecting to the N14/N15 to A5 Link.

The objective of the Project is consistent with the National Planning Framework Project Ireland 2040 and the National Strategic Outcomes and priorities as stated in the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027 and Northern & Western Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. The individual projects themselves are individually listed in the National Development Plan 2018 to 2027. The Project is of strategic economic and

social importance to the Northwest Region to allow Donegal and the wider northwest to develop and grow in spite of its historic isolation, peripherality and significant risks arising out of Brexit. As such, Donegal County Council considers the proposed development should be regarded as Strategic Infrastructure Development as defined in the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006.

The proposed Project is a road development which warrants an Environmental Impact Assessment Report within the meaning of Section 50(1)(a) of the Roads Act 1993-2019.

Donegal County Council hereby requests a Pre-Application Consultation for the abovementioned development, and in this regard we enclose an electronic copy of the following documentation, which are also available to the public on the Project Website at www.donegal-ten-t.ie:

1. Option Selection Report – December 2019
2. Site Location Map

We propose the following Agenda for this Pre-Application Consultation:

1. Planning Policy
2. Need for the Project
3. Background (& Previous Proposals)
4. Project Development Process
5. Scoping of Environmental Impact Assessment Report
6. Cumulative impacts N14/N15 to A5 Link, A5 WTC.
7. Any further matters

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We may subsequently request further Pre-Application Consultation in advance of making a formal application to the Board. Correspondence in relation to this application for a Pre-Application Consultation shall be addressed to:

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Donegal County Council
Donegal Public Services Centre
Drumlonagher
Donegal Town
Co. Donegal

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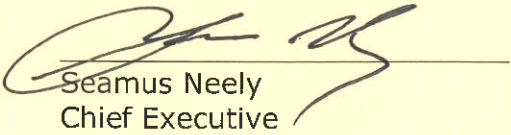
Phone: 074 9724500

Please contact Aine McHugh should you require paper copies of the enclosed documents or any additional information.

Given the strategic importance of the Project in the context of EU TEN-T Regulations, National Policy (Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework and National

Development Plan 2018 to 2027) and Northern & Western Regional Assembly RSES, Donegal County Council would welcome an opportunity to meet with An Bord Pleanála prior to submission of the Project.

Yours sincerely,


Seamus Neely
Chief Executive
Donegal County Council

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