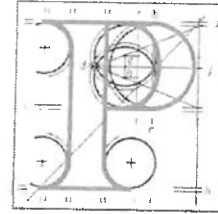


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Donegal National Roads Office c/o Áine McHugh
Donegal National Roads Office
Donegal County Council
Donegal Public Services
Drumlonager
Co. Donegal

Date: 21 May 2024

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 letter dated 9th May, 2024 in relation to the above-mentioned case.

The contents of your letter have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

Aisling Reilly
Executive Officer
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File Ref: 1036-4-50-03

Date: 9th May 2024

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
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RE: TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project Donegal

FAO: Ms. Aisling Reilly, Executive Officer

Dear Secretary,

In response to your letter of 2nd inst., we wish to advise the Board that Donegal County Council continue to progress the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project Donegal (TEN-T PRIPD).

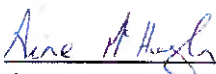
Following the series of Pre-Application Consultation Meetings that took place in 2020 and 2021, the project management team continue to close out **Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation** of this Project (*Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Project Management Guidelines*). We anticipate one further Pre-Application Consultation meeting with ABP will be necessary in Quarter 4 of 2024. It is our expectation that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Compulsory Purchase Order documents will be finalised towards the end of this year.

In parallel, we are working towards receiving the necessary approvals to publish the statutory documents through the TII project appraisal process. Accordingly, the Preliminary Business Case, which establishes the need for the scheme was submitted to the Department of Transport (DoT) in June 2023. Communication with the DoT is ongoing concerning points of clarification and supplementary information. We can only proceed with publishing the EIAR and CPO upon receiving DoT/Government approval to do so.

In summary, the project is still been progressed and we hope to be able to publish the EIAR and CPO towards the end of 2024. It is also our intention to engage further with the Board in relation to this proposed publication.

We trust this clarifies the current situation; if, however you have any further queries at this time please let us know.

Yours sincerely,



Áine McHugh

Senior Executive Engineer

Donegal National Roads Office

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