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**Re: Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1)**

A Chara,

Irish Water welcomes the opportunity to review the proposed Variation No. 1. We have provided observations in relation to public water services below.

The TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project has the potential to impact on Irish Water assets. Irish Water assets within the preferred route corridors include distribution and trunk watermains, trunk sewers, Lifford service reservoir and the Lettermakenny Dunwile wastewater pumping station in Ballybofey.

Continued engagement with Irish Water is requested to ensure Irish Water assets and sources are protected and access is maintained, and to allow provision for future-proofing works, where applicable. Where an Irish Water asset is altered or diverted a Diversion Agreement is required, further information on this process is available [here](#). Works to, and in the vicinity of, Irish Water asset must be completed in accordance with our Standard Details and Codes of Practice which are available on the Irish Water website.

The Environmental Report makes reference to Irish Water's 2017-2021 Investment Plan. Irish Water are currently in the 2020-2024 Investment Plan period. Further information on our investment plan can be found on the CRU Website, [www.cru.ie](http://www.cru.ie).

Irish Water encourage the use of sustainable drainage and Green-Blue Infrastructure to manage surface water. These measures can provide a cost effective and sustainable means of managing stormwater and water pollution at source, keeping surface-water out of combined sewers (thus increasing capacity for foul drainage from new developments), while providing multiple benefits e.g. improved air quality, amenity, noise reduction. New stormwater connections to the public wastewater network will not be permitted.

Correspondence in relation to our role as a statutory consultee at planning application stage should be submitted to [planning@water.ie](mailto:planning@water.ie).



Yours Sincerely,

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