

TEN-T CDP Variation
The Central Planning Unit
Donegal County Council

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Re. Proposed Variation to the Donegal County Development Plan, 2018 – 2024, in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal

Dear Sir/Madam,

TII acknowledges receipt and welcomes referral of the Proposed Variation to the Donegal County Development Plan, 2018 – 2024, in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project (PRIP).

TII supports provision made to facilitate and provide for the Donegal TEN-T PRIP giving effect to National Planning Framework National Strategic Outcome No. 2 'Enhanced Regional Accessibility'. The TEN-T PRIP also gives effect to development objectives included in the National Development Plan, 2018 - 2027.

It appears that a unique approach is taken in the proposed variation to provide for the Donegal TEN-T PRIP concerning both the range of development objectives proposed to be amended and the zoning strategy applied.

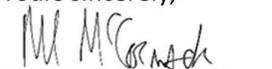
While the proposed Development Plan amendments represent a separate process, all national road projects are funded, developed and implemented in accordance with TII Publications, Standards and Codes of Practice. Schemes also progress in accordance with all EU and National environmental legislative requirements. The Council will be aware that this remains the case in relation to the TEN-T PRIP. Such requirements include Directive 2011/92/EU (the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive), as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. The amended EIA Directive has been transposed into Irish law by means, inter alia, of the Roads Act 1993, as amended.

Having regard to the foregoing, TII supports provision made to facilitate and provide for the Donegal TEN-T PRIP. With regard to the unique approach taken, TII recommends that the Council ensure that the approach proposed accords with the requirements of the strategic environmental appraisal process and does not conflict with progression of the Scheme in accordance with TII Publications, Standards and Codes of Practice and EU and National environmental legislative requirements.

The Authority is available to discuss any issues arising in the foregoing with the Executive of the Council.

It is respectfully requested that the above observations are taken into consideration prior to the adoption of the proposed variation to the Donegal County Development Plan, 2018 – 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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