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Development Location: Town of Boyle, Roscommon

Development Description: Draft Local Transport Plan for the town of Boyle. The Draft Boyle Local Transport Plan will support the National Planning Framework objectives of Compact Growth and Sustainable Mobility and will establish a strategic framework for investment in enhanced transport and access infrastructure throughout Boyle. This Plan will also inform the preparation of the forthcoming Boyle Settlement Plan, which will be incorporated into the current Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Uisce Éireann (UÉ) welcomes the opportunity to provide its observation on the Boyle Local Transport Plan

As the National Water Utility, UÉ delivers water services pursuant to the Water Services Act (and other legislation) and in accordance with our statutory functions and ancillary responsibilities and in a manner which is consistent with public policy.

UÉ is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support growth in our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies.

UÉ is delivering improvements to water services throughout Ireland where they are needed most urgently based on a clearly defined set of priorities. Our primary function is to provide clean drinking water to customers and to treat and return wastewater safely to the environment. In providing these services, we play a central role in enabling economic growth, protecting both the environment and the health and safety of our customers and the wider public.

This submission has been considered in the context of UÉ's obligations to provide public water services; UÉ's Capital Investment Plan to deliver those services, and the protection of existing

and future public infrastructure in those areas identified within the Boyle Local Transport plans area of study.

Uisce Éireann Observations

General Requirements for build overs and Diversions of UÉ Assets

UÉ requires that pre-application consultation is undertaken between both parties regarding locations where it is considered the proposed works may impact on existing UÉ infrastructure, such as where the development works will cross UÉ assets, and where diversions of the UÉ asset may be required.

Designs are required to be in compliance with the UÉ Codes of Practice and Standard Details for Water and Wastewater. These documents outline requirements such as separation distances and depths of cover etc. and can be downloaded from the UÉ website (<https://www.water.ie/connections/developer-services/technical-guidance/>)

At any locations where development works are proposed to run close to, or in parallel with existing UÉ assets, then the relevant separation distance needs to be achieved. If the distance cannot be achieved, then UÉ will need to review, and in such cases may require a diversion of the UÉ asset. The developer shall identify any locations where the separation distances cannot be achieved, and if so, provide an additional summary list of these locations and proposed solution for consideration by Uisce Éireann. For such locations where Diversions of UÉ Assets are necessary, It will be required to enter into an associated Diversion Agreement with UÉ.

Road Closures

If road closures are necessary, UÉ Operations Staff will still require access to carry out emergency repairs of watermains or to clear sewer blockages etc. Early consultation and notification is required to enable UÉ to plan works accordingly and ultimately minimise disruption to the public.

Drinking Water Protection Measures


In any proposed works It must be ensured that proposals do not impact any Uisce Éireann Drinking Water Source and/or waters used for the abstraction of drinking water nor cause any deterioration in quality during the construction and operational phase of the proposed development.

In the event that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required to be carried out as part of any consent application/s in relation to proposed works, early engagement between the developer and Uisce Éireann is advised. In accordance with the 'Guidelines on the Information to be Contained in Environmental Impact Statements' (EPA, 2022) and the current EPA 'Advice Notes on Current Practice in the Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements', a no. of assessments would need to be provided in the proposal's EIAR, including; impacts to water services and Uisce Éireann physical assets; discharge to an Uisce Éireann collection network (for operation and construction stages); any potential impact on stormwater discharges to

combined sewer networks and measures to mitigate impacts on receiving waters (used for abstraction for public supply); any connections required; mitigation for said aspects.

New Connections to UÉ infrastructure

If a development requires a connection to either a public water supply or sewage collection system, a prospective customer is advised to submit a Pre-Connection Enquiry (PCE) enquiry to Uisce Éireann to determine the feasibility of connection/s to the Uisce Éireann network. All pre-connection enquiry forms are available from <https://www.water.ie/connections/connection-steps/>. The outcomes of the PCE are confirmed by Uisce Éireann in the form of a Confirmation of Feasibility (COF). A COF letter must be obtained and submitted as part of any formal planning application where a connection to public water supply or wastewater collection is proposed in the development proposals.



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Advisory Note(s):

*Uisce Éireann does not permit build over of its assets. Separation distances from public infrastructure, as per Uisce Éireann's Standards Codes and Practices must be achieved. It is the developer's responsibility to submit a diversion enquiry to Uisce Éireann Divisions Section (divisions@water.ie) prior to construction, where a potential build over of public assets is in question and/or where proposals cannot achieve separation distances from public infrastructure as per UÉ Standards & Codes of Practice.

** Protection of drinking water source(s) from potentially adverse impacts is a priority for Uisce Éireann. It is Uisce Éireann's current policy to maintain safe and secure drinking water supplies and ensure that development will not give rise to any deterioration in water quality. Development proposals shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s). It is also a requirement of the Water Framework Directive that waters used for the abstraction of drinking water are protected to avoid deterioration in quality. Development proposals shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s).

Any person discharging trade effluent** to a sewer, must have a Trade Effluent License issued pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended). More information and an application form for a Trade Effluent License can be found at the following link: <https://www.water.ie/business/trade-effluent/about/> . Trade effluent is defined in the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended).

Uisce Éireann does not permit surface waters into the public sewer network.