#### THE ROLE OF IRISH WATER IN PLANNING



### **Monaghan County Council – Agents**

Workshop.

Date: 23rd April 2015

Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.



## AGENDA



- 1. OVERVIEW OF PRE-PLANNING/PRE-CONNECTION ENQUIRY STAGE
- 2. PLANNING OBSERVATIONS AT APPLICATION STAGE
- 3. PROCEDURES FOR NEW CONNECTIONS
- 4. TAKING IN CHARGE



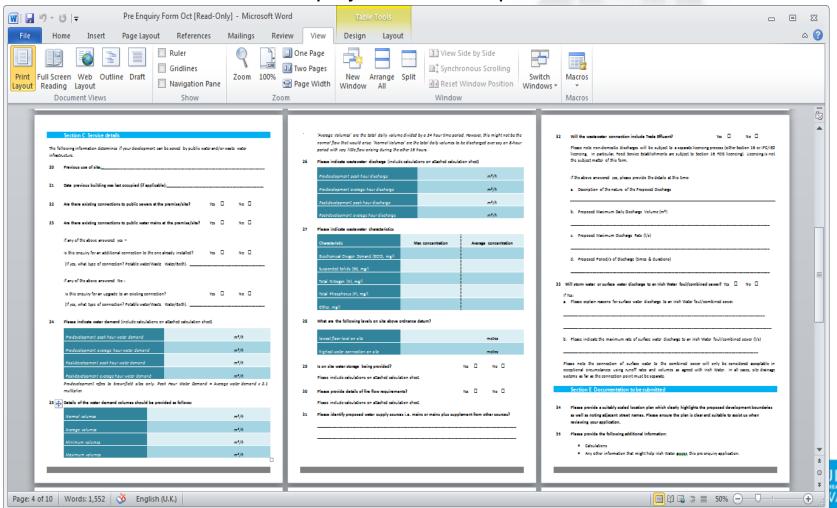
### 1. Pre-Planning/Pre-Connection

- Submit Pre- Connection Enquiry Form to Irish Water at Pre-Planning stage for Significant Connections. email form to <a href="mmcgrath@water.ie">mmcgrath@water.ie</a> or <a href="mmcgrath@water.ie">cheaney@water.ie</a> We will issue feedback which in turn can be submitted with your planning application.
- ➤ Planning Permission no longer guarantees a water or waste water connection. A Connection Agreement with Irish Water is needed before a connection can be carried out. It is therefore important to consult with Irish Water at an early stage to determine if a connection is feasible.
- Customer/Agent will become aware of network availability/required upgrades and estimated New Connection costs and can then decide if the project should proceed to planning stage.



## 1. Pre-Planning/Pre-Connection

Pre- Connection Enquiry Form – Sample Content.



# 2. PLANNING OBSERVATIONS AT APPLICATION STAGE

- ➤ The Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, prescribe Irish Water as a statutory consultee for the purpose of planning under the Planning and Development Act 2000.
- Local Authority Water Services assess the planning application as agents of Irish Water.
- IW will submit the formal observation to the planning Authority within the 5 week timeframe.
- Planning Department carries out their own assessment of statutory bodies submissions and make their decision within the legislative time frame.



# 2. PLANNING OBSERVATIONS AT APPLICATION STAGE

- Our observations will be trying to avoid a detailed technical assessment of the proposal at planning stage. Such an assessment will be carried out at connection stage.
- Our planning assessment will check if capacity exists within the network/treatment plant for the development. We will generally raise no objection if this is the case. This assessment in no way guarantees a connection.



# 3. Procedures for New Connections (At Connection stage)

- Customer/Agent to download the New Connection application form from LA website and return completed to LA.
- IW/WSD to validate New Connection application information.
- IW to send out offer and receive payment for all connections.
- IW/WSD to complete works to connect customer.
- LA to deal with queries from prospective Customer/Agent.(only for standard Connections)



# 3. Procedures for New Connections (At Connection stage)

- Irish Water will send quotation & connection offer to customer detailing:
  - Connection fees
  - Payment method
  - Duration of offer validity
  - Conditions of connection
  - Directions to specifications / Instructions for connection works



### 4. Taking in Charge

- Department of Environment Circular PL 5/2014 offers Guidance in relation to taking in charge.
- Asset Strategy is the function within Irish Water which is coordinating the taking in charge process of water and waste water infrastructure.
- Planning authorities should therefore continue to use the statutory powers available to them to take residential estates, including water services infrastructure, in charge in the usual way, working with Irish Water.
- Remediation costs in relation to water services will be addressed by Irish Water and remediation costs for roads, footpaths, public lighting and open space will be addressed by the relevant local/ planning authority.

#### **New Connections Team North & West**

Seamus Lee (Lead) <u>slee@water.ie</u>

Martin McGrath (Senior Design Eng.) mmcgrath@water.ie

Conor Heaney (Design Eng.) <a href="mailto:cheaney@water.ie">cheaney@water.ie</a>



### Thank You Q & A