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Re: Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

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Dear Mr Hughes,

Please see below Irish Water's observations further to your letter regarding the proposed Variation No. 1 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 providing for the inclusion of the following:

"To protect the selected route of the N2 upgrade road scheme between Ardee and Castleblayney and the selected route between Clontibret and the border with Northern Ireland, and to prohibit development that could prejudice their future delivery."

We note that the proposed road projects referred to above are at Option Selection Phase - Stage 2 with consultation on Route Corridor Options ongoing.

Several of the proposed route options have the potential to impact Irish Water assets; it will be necessary to protect, access and maintain these assets, and upgrades and new network or infrastructure may be required over time in the vicinity. All necessary measures to protect and maintain access to Irish Water infrastructure and water sources should be incorporated into the road design. Ongoing engagement with the relevant stakeholders is required in this regard.

The public water services that may be impacted by the proposed routes include:

Castleblayney to Ardee

- Water (raw and treated) and wastewater network crossings along the existing N2 at Carrickmacross. Boreholes east of the N2 supply Carrickmacross WSZ via pipes under the existing N2.
- Southern extremities of the water supply network in Castleblayney (all options).

Clontibret to Border

- Water and wastewater network immediately adjacent to and crossing the existing N2 (Option A) in Monaghan town.
- In Emyvale, Option B appears to be in close proximity to the wastewater network. Options A, B and D may impact the reservoir and water network in the Cornacreeve area, as well as the Emyvale Group Water Scheme treatment plant and source which supplies the Emyvale Water Supply Zone.

Yours Sincerely,



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