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

Determination of whether or not the Proposed Variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and on the consequent need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) inclusive of the preparation of an Environmental Report, in accordance with Article 13K and Article 13L of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended);

Submitted:

Report and recommendation entitled 'Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report of the Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1)'.

The Report and recommendation concludes that the Proposed Variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, taking into account the criteria contained in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended) and recommends the making of a Determination to this effect.

The effect of the recommendation, if accepted, would be the Planning Authority taking the position that the Proposed Variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, taking into account the criteria contained in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended), and thus that it is necessary to proceed with a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) inclusive of the preparation of an Environmental Report in accordance with Article 13K and Article 13L of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended)

Endorsed by:

I hereby endorse the reports inclusive of recommendations as referenced above.

Paul Christy,

Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit.

Directorate of Community Development and

Planning Services.

Order:

I hereby Order that, with regard to the Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1) the Planning Authority:

- 1) Determines, in accordance with Article 13K(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended), that the abovementioned Proposed Variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that Strategic Environmental Assessment is required in respect of said Proposed Variation.
- 2) Makes copies of this Determination in respect of Strategic Environmental Assessment available for public inspection at the offices of the Authority during office hours and on the website of the Authority, as soon as practicable after the making of this Determination.
- 3) Proceeds with Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Proposed Variation, inclusive of a preparation of an Environmental Report as required by Article 13L of said regulations.

Liam Ward,

Director of Services,

Community Development and Planning Services.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2020.