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Office of the Minister

Ms Josepha Madigan, TD
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Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
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**Re: Sligo County Council Registry Reference PL18/210 – Proposed Upgrading of
Lough Talt Water Treatment Plant (IROPI)**

Dear Minister,

I wish to advise that on 12 March 2019 I received from Sligo County Council a statement of case for imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI), a copy of the planning application and a Natura Impact Statement, pursuant to section 177AA(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, in respect of a planning application lodged with the Council by Irish Water for proposed upgrading of Lough Talt water treatment plant.

In accordance with section 177AB(1)(a) of the 2000 Act, I am writing to request your views as to whether the compensatory measures proposed are sufficient to ensure that the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 network is protected. Please find enclosed a copy of the relevant documentation received from Sligo County Council in this regard.

I would be grateful for your views in relation to this matter. Please note that Sligo County Council has informed me that they are required to issue a decision regarding this planning application by 26 March 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Eoghan Murphy TD
Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

