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**NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 177AB (3) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
(AS AMENDED)**

**Re: Sligo County Council Registry Reference PL18/210 – Proposed Upgrading of Lough Talt
Water Treatment Plant (IROPI)**

Dear Ms. Clarke,

I write in response to your letter of 12 March 2019 enclosing 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 (as amended), in respect of a planning application lodged with the Council by Irish Water for proposed upgrading of Lough Talt water treatment plant.

I hereby wish to notify you pursuant to section 177AB (3) of the 2000 Act that on 18 April 2019 I received the enclosed response (see Appendix 1) from the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in which she conveys her opinion that the compensatory measures proposed are, on the basis of the specific requirements outlined in her letter, sufficient to ensure that the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 network is protected.

For your information, I also enclose correspondence I received from Minister Madigan on 02 April 2019 prior to her issuing her opinion regarding the proposed compensatory measures.





As you are aware, I am obliged under section 177AB (5) of the 2000 Act to inform the Commission of the matter, including the compensatory measures proposed. As such I intend to send a copy of this notice and the appendices listed below, accompanied by a copy of the statement of case for imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI), the planning application and the Natura Impact Statement as provided to me on 12 March 2019, to the Commission.

I would be grateful if you could furnish me with a copy of Sligo County Council's decision on the planning application, once made, at your earliest convenience so that I may also inform the Commission of the final decision including the compensatory measures adopted.

Yours sincerely,

Eoghan Murphy TD
Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

Appendix:

1. *Opinion of Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as provided to Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government pursuant to section 177(AB)(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), 18 April 2019*

Appendices for information:

2. *Letter from Sligo County Council to Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, 08 March 2019*
3. *Letter from Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, 14 March 2019*
4. *Views of Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as provided to Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government pursuant to section 177(AB)(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), 02 April 2019*
5. *Letter from Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, 09 April 2019*