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The Secretary,  
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**Re: Proposed Development of Rossinver Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ancillary Works, Co. Leitrim  
Section 177AE Planning Application (ABP-320024-24)**

Dear Sir/Madam

We refer to your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in which you have requested further information associated with the proposed Rossinver Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ancillary Works development. We have set out below our response to the two queries.

**1. Catchment of the WwTP**

The primary purpose of the proposed WwTP is to address the current sewerage infrastructure issues at the Gublaun Housing Estate. It should be noted that the development is to be funded by Special EU Programme Body through the PEACEPLUS programme and this limits the scope of the works that can be included in the proposed development. The WwTP was never intended to provide for the sewerage infrastructure needs of the entire village, and Leitrim County Council's remit no longer includes the provision of public sewerage infrastructure, which has transferred to Uisce Éireann.

In developing proposals to address the issues at Gublaun Estate, it was considered prudent however to provide for the interception of flows from properties along the R282 between Gublaun Estate and the junction with the R281. These seven properties are all served by on-site wastewater treatment systems which in most cases are quite old. The percolation areas from some of these properties are located in a flood risk zone and interception of flows from the properties would contribute to efforts to achieve the required water quality status in Ballagh River and downstream in Lough Melvin under the Water Framework Directive.

The Community Centre in the village is also connected to an on-site wastewater treatment system, but that system was installed in 2011 and was designed to achieve a high standard of treatment than the individual treatment systems at individual houses. The Community Centre is also located on higher ground and is not in the flood risk zone. For these reasons, incorporation of flows from the Community Centre and other properties west of the bridge in the village was not considered.

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The Ballaghmeehan National School is located some 430m south of the junction with the R281 and there are no other properties between the school and that junction. It was therefore not considered economically viable under current Special EU Programme Body funding to extend the sewer to intercept flows from the school.

## 2. Regulation of the Discharge

As set out in the EPA's submission, the discharge from the WwTP does not fall under the requirements of the European Union (Wastewater Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2010, as it is not operated by Uisce Éireann. As a result, there is no mechanism for Leitrim County Council to apply to the EPA for a Certificate of Authorisation for the discharge under those regulations.

The discharge will be licenced by Leitrim County Council under Section 4 (Licensing of Trade and Sewage Effluents) of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977.

Leitrim County Council have already consulted Uisce Éireann in respect of the proposed WwTP and Uisce Éireann have stated that they are not in a position to take over the WwTP at this time. Leitrim County Council have also applied to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the development of a village sewerage scheme for Rossinver under Measure A8 (unsewered developments) of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024 to 2026 but were unsuccessful in that application. Measure A8 covers the provision of sewerage infrastructure in unsewered agglomerations, and projects approved under that measure are advanced by Uisce Éireann.

In order to provide for the possible adoption of the WwTP by Uisce Éireann at some future date, the WwTP has been designed to Uisce Éireann technical specifications

We trust that the details enclosed are adequate for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,



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