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Re: Draft Direction on the Clare Development Plan 2023 - 2029

A Chara,

Uisce Éireann (UÉ) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Ministerial Direction on the Clare Development Plan 2022-2028 (CDP) and has provided observations and comments in relation to public water services below. Further detail is also available in our submissions made at the Draft Plan and Material Amendments (MA) stages.

In relation to Mullagh R3, as noted in our MA submission, available GIS data indicates a significant network extension of c.400m would be required to connect to the nearest sewer. There is also a potential that third party permissions may be required (note, our submission referred to the site in this context as Mullagh R4, this should have been Mullagh R3).

Residential zoning of sites on the extremity of settlements, such as Mullagh R3 and Killaloe R6, may compromise the achievement of compact growth objectives and generally require a greater level of works to connect to the network.

As noted in our MA submission, Liscannor R3 is close (approx. 70m) to the new Liscannor wastewater treatment plant. Any future development of sensitive receptors, e.g. housing, on these lands would need to take account of the established use of the wastewater treatment plant and the potential for extensions / intensification of use of the treatment plant in the future.

Broadford and Cooraclare are currently unserviced settlements, and as such, the proposal to revert zonings as outlined in the Draft Direction is considered appropriate and in line with Section 5.3 of the Draft Water Services Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Jan 2018).

We look forward to working with Clare County Council to achieve the objectives of the Clare County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

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