

15 September 2017

Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Westmeath County Council

Re: Taking in Charge of Housing Estates

Dear Cathaoirleach and Members,

As you are aware, the Council has been engaged for many years with various parties to ensure that all housing estates in the county are completed to an appropriate standard with the ultimate objective of taking all housing estates, where there is no management company or developer provided wastewater treatment systems, in charge.

At the present time, the following three estates have been completed to the required standard and Irish Water has agreed to assume maintenance responsibility for the water services infrastructure:

Drumaconn, Athlone

Canal Walk, Athlone

Crofton Court, Moate

A map indicating the area that will be taken in charge is attached for each estate.

In accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2014 and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Westmeath County Council advertised its intention to take these estates in charge as follows:


1. Drumaconn, Athlone – Advertised in January 2013
2. Canal Walk, Athlone – Advertised in November 2013
3. Crofton Court, Moate – Advertised in August 2010

No submissions were received.

Recommendation

As these estates have been completed to the required standard and Irish Water has agreed to take maintenance responsibility for the water services infrastructure, I recommend that Westmeath County Council formally take these estates in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2014 and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

I submit for your approval.



Pat Gallagher
Chief Executive