

## **An Cathaoirleach and Members of Westmeath County Council**

25 May 2017

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, there are 34 such estates in varying stages of readiness to be taken in charge.

The approval of Irish Water is one of the primary requirements that must be in place in order that the Council can take an estate in charge. Otherwise, the Council would be taking on liability for the maintenance of public water mains and sewers within these developments.

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:

**Woodville, Athlone**

**Beechpark, Collinstown**

**Cois Leine, Collinstown**

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:

Woodville Athlone - Westmeath Independent dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Beechpark Collinstown - Westmeath Examiner dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013

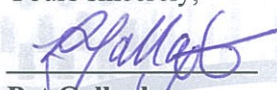
Cois Leine Collinstown - Westmeath Examiner dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013

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.

Yours sincerely,



**Pat Gallagher,**  
Chief Executive