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RE: Draft Variation No.1 Trim Development Plan 2014 - 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

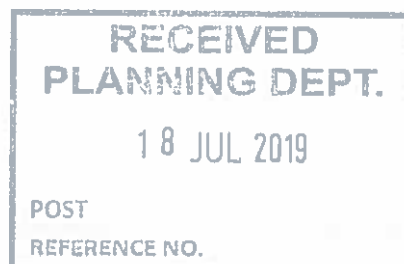
I refer to your recent correspondence regarding Draft Variation No. 1 Trim Development Plan 2014-2020.

The OPW welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Variation No.1 Trim Development Plan 2014 - 2020. A National Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) was carried out in 2010 for the purpose of an initial assessment of areas of potentially significant flood risk. Trim was assessed as part of the PFRA and designated a Flood Risk Index (FRI) of 653 indicating a low degree of risk in the area.

Trim Area for Further Assessment (AFA) was examined as part of the Boyne River Basin Flood Risk Management Plan. No viable measures were identified for the area however the development of a flood forecasting system for the Boyne Catchment is to be examined further by the National Flood Forecasting Service in future.

OPW have the following comments regarding the Draft Variations:

- The 2013 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Document carried out by JBA Consulting contains National PFRA Flood Extents. While this was considered the most up to date information at the time of their publication OPW have since completed the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme. The latest information from this project are available at www.floodinfo.ie. OPW consider that the latest information should have been acknowledged and used in the SFRA Addendum.
- The usual cautions apply with regard to 'New Residential' site to the north west of site OPP 1 (Marked A below). As a small portion of this site is within Flood Zone A/B. A justification test will be required and a site specific flood risk assessment if this site is to be developed for residential use. This has not been provided in the previous SFRA nor in the SFRA Addendum.





- OPW recommend a paragraph be added to the 'Recommendations' Section of the SFRA Addendum indicating a commitment to adhere to the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines. OPW acknowledge that this commitment is in the SFRA but as this document may be read in isolation this commitment should be added.

While OPW recognises that a balanced view of land use and flood risk should be taken, it considers that this can be achieved in full compliance with the Guidelines.

For further information, please refer to the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) or contact OPW.

Yours sincerely

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