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Dear Programme Officer

**Re: Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian) - Public Local Inquiry: LA10/2017/1249/F,
LA10/2019/1386/F & LA11/2019/1000/F**

I refer to the Commission's letter of 19 June 2025 requesting clarification from the Department for Infrastructure as to whether the Department intends to request further environmental information from the Applicant(s) for the above applications.

Although the power to request further environmental information (under regulation 23(1) and 23(2) of the 2015 EIA Regulations and regulation 21(1) and 21(2) of the 2017 EIA Regulations) rests with the Department, the Commission is entitled to raise with the Department, any views which the Commission may have as to the adequacy of the evidence that is before the inquiry.

As explained in previous correspondence dated 22 October 2024, there is nothing in the 2015 or 2017 EIA Regulations which prevents the Commission from raising its views (if any) as to the adequacy of the evidence before the inquiry. Indeed, it would be clearly preferable for the Commission to raise any views it may have about the adequacy of the evidence at this stage of the proceedings which can then be taken into account by the

Department in making a request. This accords with the Commission's critical role in the proceedings: to evaluate the proposals and provide a recommendation to the Department. It will also reduce the risk of further delays in the process.

Before the Department decides whether to request further environmental information, it therefore asks the Commission to provide (a) any views it may have as to the adequacy of the existing evidence or (b) confirmation that the Commission has no such views at this stage of the proceedings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judith Andrews".

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