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## Re: Thurles Local Area Plan (2024 – 2030) - Proposed Material Alterations

A Chara,

Uisce Éireann welcomes the inclusion of Proposed Material Alterations arising from your consideration of our initial submission on the Draft Thurles Local Area Plan (LAP). We have provided observations and comments on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft LAP in relation to public water services below. Reference should also be made to our submission at the Draft LAP stage. We will continue to engage with the planning department as the plan preparation process progresses.

### Proposed Alterations to Zonings

We have reviewed the proposed alterations to zonings. The observations we submitted at the Draft LAP stage still stand.

Available network information indicates network extensions may be required to service some zoned sites. Depending on the extent of development realised, localised network upgrades may also be required, particularly in areas served by sewers with a diameter of 150mm or less, or watermains with a diameter of 80mm or less. Sections of the wastewater network are 100mm or 150mm in diameter, and sections of the watermain network are less than 80mm within Thurles; therefore, localised upgrades are likely to be required to facilitate future development.

In addition, it should be noted that where network reinforcements such as upgrades or extensions are required, these shall be developer driven unless there are committed Uisce Éireann projects in place to progress such works. All new residential and commercial/industrial developments wishing to connect to an Uisce Éireann network are to be assessed on a case-by-case basis through Uisce Éireann's New Connections process, which will determine the exact requirements in relation to network and treatment capacity. New connections to Uisce Éireann networks are subject to our Connections Charging Policy. Further information on this process is available at: <https://www.water.ie/connections/developer-services/>.

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## Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Capacity Registers

As noted in our response to the Draft LAP, Uisce Éireann publishes annual water supply and wastewater treatment capacity registers, which give an indication of the available water supply and wastewater treatment plant capacity to support growth and development. The latest registers were published in June 2023. It should be noted in this regard that as the capacity registers are subject to change at any time and are published annually, it is recommended that a footnote be added to any references to the capacity registers in the final adopted LAP to advise of this. This also applies in regard to the Water Supply Capacity Register.

Uisce Éireann have no further observations at this time. We are available to support Tipperary County Council throughout the remainder of the LAP process.

Yours Sincerely,



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