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Dear Sirs,

Regarding the new development plan to be completed, I wish to make the following submission.

My submission refers to the Athenry area and the urgent need to have the towns sewage network systems upgraded without further delay.

As we know the treatment plant in the town has been upgraded and Irish Water was also to have the network upgraded.

The situation at present is that there is a functioning plant with capacity to cater for considerable development of lands, however feedback is that the network in some areas has to be upgraded before extra loading will be allowed to make its way to the treatment site.

In particular, I have land on the monivea road that I have developed with housing and the remainder of the lands cannot be developed until the aforementioned upgrade takes place, despite I having all pipework (water & sewer) within the curtilage of the undeveloped section.

Aside from my personal position that I am well placed to construct much needed housing but now unable to due to deficiencies in the system.

Athenry is strategically located, on the periphery of a main City and yet lacks critical infrastructure despite the new plant installed to maximise its untapped benefits.

It appears and incredible really that Irish Water are dragging their heels and not prioritising works to allow development.

Regrettably, I have been informed by a senior officer in Irish water that the budget is now cut to enable works to get underway.

Athenry town boasts a train station, two new schools, a superjunction linking motorways up and down the country and easy access to and from ports and airports. Not to mention its easy access to Galway City.

It is incumbent that a town such as Athenry is utilised and receives the necessary funding and commitments to allow further development without further delays.

I understand Galway County Council have been proactive in trying to procure the necessary upgrades. However I call on the council now to make sure this happens expeditiously.

Regards,

Gerry Huban

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