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Dear Programme Officer

Re: Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian) - Public Local Inquiry – Transboundary Consultation

Thank you for your letters of 18 March 2025 and 19 March 2025, in which you advise that the Commission intends to proceed with your scheduled mid inquiry meeting of 26 March 2025 in the absence of a response from the Department. It is hoped that this letter will clarify the position, provide the response expected and avoid the need for a mid-inquiry meeting to answer the same question.

As you are aware the timeline is that the transboundary consultation period will run until Wednesday 23 April 2025 and there is no reasonable prospect of the inquiry proceeding until sometime after that date. Once the public consultation period closes the Department will need to take sufficient time to review and assimilate the responses, this will be dependent on the number and nature of the responses received. The Department can make available copies of the consultation responses electronically relatively shortly after responses have been received but they will require assessment after receipt to consider if there are any matters arising which require to be addressed.

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Given the number and nature of the responses are not yet known as the consultation period has not closed, the Department will only be in a position to update the Commission on a timeline post 23 April 2025. It is not expected, therefore, that the Department will be in a position to make any submissions about the resumption of the Public Local Inquiry until after that date.

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