

From: [NIEA General Enquiries](#)
To: [DAERA Planning Response Team](#)
Subject: FW: Update Resquest on Consultation Response
Date: 11 March 2024 11:25:28
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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We have acknowledged receipt.

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to urgently request an update on the consultation response regarding the planning application submitted by The Atlantic-Hub Group. It is critical that the organisation receives feedback, especially considering their recent request for a time extension related to the current 110kV connection offer.

As you know, Atlantic-Hub Group has previously requested a minor extension to the period for accepting the SONI Power Connection offer, underscoring its commitment to advancing its pivotal project without undue delay. The Atlantic-Hub Group's ambitious plan aims to establish a twin Data Centre Campus in the North West Region, specifically in Derry and Letterkenny. This 'Mega-Hub' will not only bolster the local economy but also include extensive power generation and storage infrastructure, setting a new standard for sustainable development.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: LA11/2023/1729/RM - Colum Eastwood MP - Enquiry
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Subject: HOB for Clearance - LA11/2023/1729/RM - Colum Eastwood MP - Enquiry - Draft Response
Date: 15 March 2024 15:28:00
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Your Reference: Atlantic-Hub Group
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21th March 2024

Dear Mr Eastwood,

Atlantic-Hub Group - Planning Consultation Response Update Request

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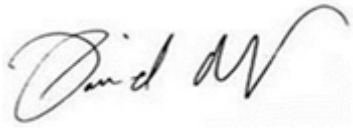
As you may know, there is no formal prioritisation process within the Planning System in Northern Ireland and there is no prioritisation process in place within NIEA, but we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

I trust this is helpful and should you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Response Team at planningresponse.team@daera-ni.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David Reid
Chief Executive
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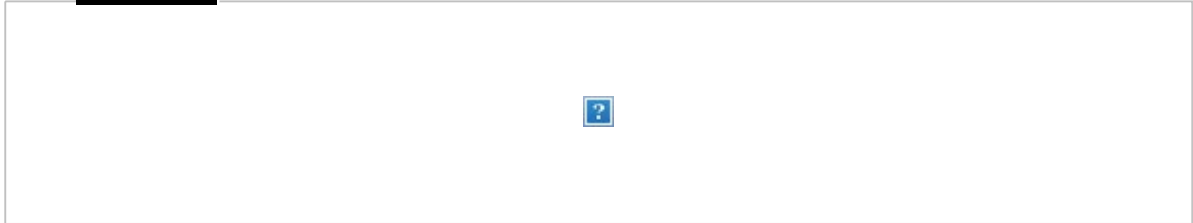
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Content

David

David Reid
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[Redacted] | **Head of Planning Response Team**

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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 11:21 AM

To: NIEA General Enquiries <nieainfo@daera-ni.gov.uk>

Subject: Update Resquest on Consultation Response

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Good morning

Please find attached letter from Colum Eastwood MP.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 02871 350045.

Kind regards



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: PRT - LA11/2023/1729/RM - Colum Eastwood MP - Enquiry - Draft Response
Date: 20 March 2024 21:13:00
Attachments: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re below and attached – this email is to confirm that I agreed that you should issue the response to Colum Eastwood MP today.

I have saved in CM.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Subject: LA11/2023/1729/RM - Colum Eastwood MP - Enquiry - Draft Response

All

As per David's previous email, now cleared and signature has now been added to CM document.

Happy for you to send this on.

Many thanks

██████████ | Executive Support for David Reid, Chief Executive, NIEA |
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From: ██████████
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:10 PM
To: Reid, David (NIEA) <DavidP.Reid@daera-ni.gov.uk>
Cc: ██████████
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Subject: PRT - for Chief Executive Clearance - LA11/2023/1729/RM - Colum Eastwood MP - Enquiry - Draft Response

David

Please see attached for clearance and note ██████████ has cleared.

Background

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Colum Eastwood MP emailed NIEA General Enquiries on 11 March 2024 seeking an update in relation to a planning application submitted by Atlantic Hub Group. He states *‘Given the project's immense potential to significantly contribute to the region's sustainable development and economic prosperity, I would urge you to expedite your review and provide Derry City and Strabane District Council's Planning Department and The Atlantic-Hub Group with an update on the consultation response on their planning application.’* It is requested that we respond directly.

Detail

The application is in respect of the ‘Erection of an IT service and data centre building’.

We have been consulted on 2 occasions since 16 June 23. This latest consultation received on 9 Feb 24 had a target response date of 1 March 24. However, additional information was received on 7 March 24 and so a revised target date of 28 March 24 applies; it is currently outstanding with NED.

WMU and IPRI responded on 27 Feb & 14 March 24 respectively – both have concerns:

- **IPRI** is asking for **additional information** and for the applicant to contact them regarding clarification of proposal details.

- **WMU** is providing advice and requesting **additional information** regarding sewage loading to WWTW and updating CEMP.

Response

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Our draft response advises that the case is still within target and also provides agreed lines re prioritisation. It is saved in the Planning Application container **AE1-23-3288**.

Timing

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As per customer service guidance PRT response is due 15 working days from receipt so deadline is 4 April 24. As per agreed revised procedures, Private Office are to be copied into your response when issued.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: PRT - Gd 6 Clearance - LA11/2023/1729/RM - Colum Eastwood MP - Enquiry - Draft Response

I clear CM doc to issue to David.

Thanks

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From: DAERA Planning Response Team <PlanningResponse.Team@daera-ni.gov.uk>

Sent: 11 March 2024 12:40

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Update Request on Consultation Response - Colum Eastwood MP

All,

Please see letter from Colum Eastwood MP looking for an update on a consultation. There is no planning reference mentioned, just the applicant – Atlantic Hub Group.

I think the planning application is LA11/2023/1729/RM- Major application. Consultation received 09/02/2024, target response date 01/03/2024. Additional info received 07/03/2024 so target response date amended to 28/03/2024.

Responses outstanding from NED & IPRI. WMU has provided comments.

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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 11:25 AM

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Subject: FW: Update Resquest on Consultation Response

Please see email below received in General Enquiries mailbox. Grateful if you could arrange for direct response.

We have acknowledged receipt.

Many thanks,

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Cc: [Redacted]
Bcc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Update Resquest on Consultation Response - Colum Eastwood MP enquiry - Final Response
Date: 21 March 2024 11:42:00
Attachments: [Redacted]

Good morning,

Please find attached a response to your enquiry regarding the Atlantic-Hub Group planning consultation response.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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