

Gas Networks Ireland has prepared a draft Network Implementation Plan (NIP), which sets out the manner in which short-term capital investment proposals may be developed over the three-year plan period 2020-2023.

In accordance with the requirements of S.I. No. 435 of 2004 (European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 (European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011), a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is being carried out in respect of the draft NIP, and an SEA Environmental Report has been prepared. Further, in accordance with Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the EU Directive on the Conservation of Habitats, Flora and Fauna (92/43/EEC), an Appropriate Assessment is being carried out in respect of the draft NIP, and a Report for the purposes of Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening and a Natura Impact Report have been prepared.

Gas Networks Ireland hereby invites any interested parties to make submissions or observations with regard to the draft NIP, including the relevant environmental assessment documentation. A copy of the draft NIP, SEA Environmental Report, Report for the purposes of AA Screening and the Natura Impact Report may be viewed on Gas Networks Ireland's website at: www.gasnetworks.ie/nip

Submissions or observations may be made:

- by e-mail to NIP@gasnetworks.ie; or
- in writing to GNI NIP Submissions, P.O, Box 51, Gas Works Road, Cork, T12 RX96, Ireland

Submissions or observations should state your name, address and, where relevant, the organisation/body represented. Please make your submission through one medium only where possible i.e. post/hard copy or email.

The final date for receipt of submissions is Friday 04/12/ 2020. Submissions received after this will not be considered.