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Ireland 2040 – Our Plan Draft National Planning Framework

Dear Sirs,

Section 6.3 - Ports

The board of Drogheda Port Company wish to highlight that the current lack of specific reference to Drogheda Port in the draft national planning framework is an unacceptable omission.

While Drogheda Port is currently designated as a port of regional importance it does have the significant additional designation of being part of Ireland's core port network. It is the only commercial regional port in Ireland to have this designation.

This designation is of national significance.

In Ireland, the four commercial maritime TEN-T ports are the "Core Ports" of Dublin Port, Port of Cork, Shannon Foynes, and also Drogheda Port which is specifically identified within the Greater Dublin Area Port Cluster. The "Comprehensive Ports", are the Port of Waterford and Rosslare Europort.

We would request that this is reflected in the draft planning framework going forward. If you wish to discuss further or require any additional information we are available to discuss.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Fleming", written over a white background.

Paul Fleming
Chief Executive