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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
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Palais des Nations, Room 429-4  
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**Re: Communication ACCC/C/2013/107**

Dear Ms Marshall,

Further to your email of 14 May 2021, please see below an update on the developments that have taken place since Ireland's progress report on communication ACCC/C/2013/107 of 1 October 2020.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will progress the commencement order required to bring into operation section 28(1) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, as amended by section 57 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018, alongside additional amendments to section 42 of the PDA 2000 in the coming weeks.

As the Committee are aware, in conjunction with the commencement the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General, is finalising proposals for supplementary amendments to section 42(1) to prohibit extensions of duration where a development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and/or Appropriate Assessment (AA) at the point of application for such an extension.

It is hoped that this work will be finalised very soon. An update will issue to the Committee as soon as this work is complete.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.

Yours sincerely

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