Irish Water assumed responsibility for water services from Local Authorities on 1st January 2014. Since then Irish Water’s Connections and Developer Services manages the provision of new and upgraded water and wastewater connections in partnership with the Local Authorities.

Irish Water has published Technical Documents comprising Standard Details and Codes of Practice which provide guidance to developers on the Irish Water’s requirements for the provision of water supply and wastewater collection infrastructure within developments. This infrastructure, on its connection to the Irish Water’s networks, will be vested and adopted by Irish Water.

Irish Water applies Quality Assurance to the design and construction of the water services infrastructure. This is mandated through the Irish Water Connection Agreements. Vetting of development water services infrastructure designs will be carried out by Connection and Developer Services Design Teams and the construction of this infrastructure will be inspected by Irish Water Field Engineers, in collaboration with LA’s.

This Presentation will outline the services that are provided by Irish Water’s Connection and Developer Services unit. It will also describe the design, construction and quality assurance approach that Irish Water applies to water and wastewater infrastructure in new developments.

The Speakers:

**Tadhg O’Connor**, FIEI, is Policy and Standards Specialist with Irish Water’s Connections and Developer Services. Tadhg has over 30 years experience in the water service sector, having worked with a number of engineering consultancies and with the Department of Environment and Local Government. He joined Irish Water in early 2014. He has developed the Technical Documents which outline the requirements for water and wastewater infrastructure provided in self-lay developments. He will present on these Technical Documents.

**Brian Quinn**, Chartered Engineer, is Development Manager with Irish Water’s Connections and Developer Services. Brian has over 20 years experience in the utilities and local government sectors, including roles in Irish Water/ERVIA, various Local Authorities and Bord na Móna. He joined Irish Water in early 2014 and for the last 2 years is the Development Manager. He developed and now leads a large team nationally that quality assure all new developer self lay water services infrastructure, that will be transferred to Irish Water. He will present on the quality assurance requirements.

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