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ComReg Report shows broad support for the introduction of Postcodes to Ireland

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today published its report on the introduction of postcodes to Ireland. The report recommends that a detailed feasibility study be undertaken in relation to the introduction of postcodes.

The ComReg Report proposes the establishment of a representative Working Group that would be given responsibility for the development of an implementation plan to establish a public postcode system. The Working Group will seek contributions and views from all interested parties.

The Chairperson of ComReg, Isolde Goggin said: “Having considered all the submissions and arguments for and against, ComReg believes that there is broad support for the introduction of postcodes to Ireland. The evidence from other countries demonstrates that the use of postcodes can contribute to competitiveness and national development. ComReg also believes that it is possible to introduce a system of postcodes that will not affect historical and traditional townland names, particularly in rural areas.”

The following advantages of a postcode system were identified in the ComReg Report:

- Rural householders would have a unique address without losing historical townland names
- Postcodes would help Irish businesses to become more efficient
- Postcodes would bring Ireland in line with best international practice
- Postcodes would improve the efficiency of the postal sector

The full ComReg report on Postcodes – ComReg05/07 - is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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