



Date	29th May 2018
Start Time	10:00 AM
Location	The Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny

The decision of Kilkenny County Council to grant permission for the Kilkenny City Regional Water Supply Scheme is before the Board on foot of third party appeals and a first party appeal.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order, which is stated to be required to enable construction and future operation of the Kilkenny City Regional Water Supply Scheme. The Board intends to hold a joint hearing, which will consider both cases. It will be structured to commence with the Planning Appeal before moving on to the CPO.

The purpose of the oral hearing is to provide an opportunity for all parties, who wish to do so, to make further submissions beyond their written objections, and to allow the inspector to seek clarification on any relevant issues arising and objections made. Parties will also have the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification on submissions made at the hearing.

There is no obligation on any party to make a submission to the oral hearing or to ask questions of the other parties. All written submissions already received will be considered by the inspector and the Board. For this reason, submissions previously made in writing should not be reiterated at the oral hearing.

Regarding the C.P.O. you are reminded that the Board has no role or jurisdiction in the determination or the assessment of compensation and that any submission

made to this hearing should bear this in mind as no discussion regarding compensation will be facilitated.

On completion of the oral hearing, the inspector will prepare a report and recommendation on the cases for the Board. The decision to grant or refuse permission for the Planning Appeal and to confirm or annul the CPO will be made by the Board.

In respect of the CPO the Board may direct the payment of a contribution towards the costs, which have been incurred by any person, as a consequence of appearing at the hearing. Any payment will be at the Board's discretion. Any application for costs should be made in writing to the Board within three weeks of the date of this hearing.

If you intend to provide written copies of your submission these can only be accepted if there are copies available for all the parties at the hearing. Four copies of any written documentation should also be submitted for the Board file.

The agenda and order of appearance for the oral hearing is set out below. Parties should please note that this agenda is indicative only, and may vary during the course of the oral hearing. **Please be aware that the hearing will continue on 30th May if necessary.**

Please contact us before **18 May 2018**, or as soon as possible, if you or a member of your group has any access requirements so that we may facilitate you in attending this oral hearing. It may not be possible to facilitate requests for an event made after the request deadline due to the short time period available to organise the request.

Agenda

Inspector's Opening Remarks

Module 1 – Planning Appeal

Irish Water Submission

The applicant is requested to focus on the following specific issues in its submission:

- Brief overview of Kilkenny City Regional Water Supply Scheme (10 minutes).
- Route selection.
- The expert ecological and hydrogeological inputs in selection of Option 3A and Appropriate Assessment.
- Response to issues raised in the third party appeal and in particular details of noise mitigation measures.

The applicant may wish to present a Schedule of Commitments incorporating all mitigation measures in a single document and identifying the matters to be written into contractual documents.

Planning Authority

The planning authority in its submission is invited to provide comments which supplement previous written reports, respond to appeals or otherwise clarify matters. The planning authority is also invited to respond to the first party appeal regarding Development Contributions.

Prescribed bodies submissions

Appellants' submissions

The appellants are requested to focus any submissions on responding to the decision of the planning authority and on any supplementary submissions made by Irish Water as part of the appeal.

Questioning between the parties

Closing statements, if any, in the following order

Appellants

Prescribed Bodies

Planning Authority

Applicant

Module 2 – Compulsory Purchase Order

Presentation by Irish Water of case for CPO

Local Authority submission, if any

Questioning of Irish Water by objectors, if required

Objectors' presentations

Closing statements, if any.

Inspector closes hearing.