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Pleanála

Board Direction
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At a meeting held on November 26th, 2019, the Board considered:

- (a) the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the report of the Inspector who held the oral hearing and
- (c) the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Board decided, for the Reasons and Considerations set out below, to confirm the Order without modification

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered the objections to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, the purpose for which the lands and wayleaves over lands are to be acquired as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order, and having regard to the following:-

- (a) The strategic need for the scheme in the context of providing increased water supply to meet existing and future demand in Kilkenny City and environs.
- (b) The inclusion of the Radestown Water Treatment Plant on the Remedial Action List of the Environmental Protection Agency and the need to improve the quality of water supply serving Kilkenny City and environs.

- (c) The need to replace the abstraction from the River Dinin and River Douglas both of which are 'at risk' under the Water Framework Directive.
- (d) The proposal to retain a reservoir at Radestown, which is considered reasonable in order to provide a supply to connect with existing water supply infrastructure.
- (e) The community need, the overall benefits and the public interest served by the proposed development.
- (f) The selected route alignment to connect the Troyswood Water Treatment Plant with the Radestown site, which considered to be suitable and proportionate to the identified need.
- (g) The policies and objectives of the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020.
- (h) The submissions and observations made at the oral hearing which was held on 29th May 2018.

It is considered that the acquisition of the permanent wayleaves and temporary working areas by Irish Water on the lands in question as set out in the order and on the deposited maps, are necessary for the purposes stated and the objections cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

Board Member

Date: 3rd December 2019

Philip Jones