

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
CD-022369-26
ACP-323412-25

At a meeting held on 04/08/2026, the Commission 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 Commission decided to confirm the Order without modification for the Reasons and Considerations set out below:

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having considered the objection made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order, to provide for the Staleen Treatment Plant to Duleek Trunk Watermain and also having regard to the following:

- (i) the constitutional and European Human Rights Convention protection afforded to property rights,

- (ii) the existing water supply network serving East Meath, which is currently operating above its maximum capacity, and failures of which result in loss of supply to the East Meath Water Supply Zone,
- (iii) the community need, the public interest served and overall benefits, especially in terms of additional transfer capacity provided to East Meath Water Supply Zone through the new trunk main, thereby increasing capacity of the existing strategic network to cater for future residential development of up to 10,660 new housing units,
- (iv) the design response, which has been appropriately tailored to the identified need,
- (v) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition for the purposes of permanent wayleaves and temporary working areas to facilitate the provision of the proposed Staleen Water Treatment to Duleek Trunk Watermain,
- (vi) National Policy Objective 92 of the National Planning Framework First Revision April 2025 to ensure the alignment of planned growth with the efficient and sustainable use and development of water resources and water services infrastructure, in order to manage and conserve water resources in a manner that supports a healthy society, economic development requirements and a cleaner environment,
- (vii) the provisions of Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, including Objective INF OBJ 2, whereby it is an objective to liaise and work in conjunction with Uisce Éireann to ensure that an adequate supply of drinking water for domestic, commercial, industrial and other uses is available for the sustainable development of the county, and
- (viii) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

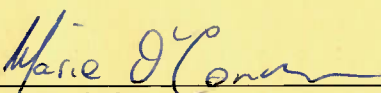
it is considered that the acquisition of land for the purposes of permanent wayleave and temporary working areas as set out in the Order, Schedule and on the deposited maps by Uisce Éireann, is necessary for the stated purpose, which is a legitimate objective being pursued in the public interest, and that the Compulsory Purchase

Order and its effects on the property rights of the affected landowners are proportionate to that objective and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 04/08/2026



Marie O'Connor