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Pleanála

**Direction**  
**CD-022258-26**  
**ACP-323894-25**

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Meeting held on 16/06/2026.

The Commission determined that the prospective applicant be informed that the proposed development would exceed the threshold set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and therefore satisfies Section 37A(1) of the Act.

However, it can also be concluded that the development is not of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), Section 37A(2)(b) and Section 37A(2)(c) of the Act.

I recommend that the Commission serve a notice on the prospective applicant, pursuant to Section 37(B)(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, stating that it is of the opinion that the proposed development does not constitute a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Act for the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed wastewater treatment plant, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development comprising an upgrade of said treatment plant on a site at Cloonyscrehane, Co Limerick constitutes development that falls within the definition of '*Development comprising or for the purposes of the following: A waste water treatment plant with a capacity greater than a population equivalent of 10,000*' in the Seventh Schedule of

the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and thereby would satisfy the requirements set out in Section 37A(1) of the Act.

However, the Commission considered the proposed development would not be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), 37A(2)(b) and 37A(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made in the first instance to Limerick City and County Council.

## **Planning**

**Commissioner:**

**Date:** 16/06/2026

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## **Appendix 1 - Prescribed Bodies**

The following is a schedule of prescribed bodies considered relevant for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Principal Act.

- i. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- ii. Minister for Climate, Energy and Environment
- iii. Limerick City and County Council
- iv. South-Western Regional Assembly
- v. Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- vi. Marine Area Regulatory Authority
- vii. Health Service Executive Environmental Protection Agency

- viii. Inland Fisheries Ireland
- ix. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- x. The Heritage Council
- xi. An Taisce
- xii. An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- xiii. Fáilte Ireland
- xiv. Health and Safety Authority
- xv. Geological Survey of Ireland
- xvi. Office of Public Works

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.