# An Bord Pleanála



## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

# **Offaly County**

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**APPEAL** by Irish Water care of AECOM/Jennings O'Donovan and Partners Consulting Engineers care of Finisklin Business Park, Sligo in relation to the application by Offaly County Council of the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made for the area in respect of condition number 8 of its decision made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Development consisting of upgrade to Birr Water Supply Scheme which will comprise the following at the existing Birr Water Treatment Plant (WTP) site: refurbishment of the existing two storey masonry wastewater treatment plant building, demolition of the existing open sludge lagoon, construction of a new wastewater treatment plant process building with gross floor area 660 square metres approximately, new tank structures, new sludge treatment and storage structures, underground watermains and service connections, together with improvements to existing boundaries, landscaping and all associated site works at Seefin, Birr, County Offaly.

#### **DECISION**

The Board, in accordance with section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, considered, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, that the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme for the area had been properly applied in respect of condition number 8 and directs the said Council to ATTACH condition number 8 and the reason therefor.

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#### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that the planning authority properly applied the terms of the Offaly County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2014-2020, which does not provide for any exemptions or reductions in relation to development by Irish Water, and that the calculation of the financial contribution by the planning authority, based on the stated floor area of the new water treatment plant building, was correct and within the terms of the Scheme.

### **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2016.

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