



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-300781-18

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019

Applicant: Irish Water

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 26th day of January, 2018 from Irish Water pursuant to section 76 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Irish Water Compulsory Purchase (Kilkenny City Regional Water Supply Scheme Upgrade) Order, 2018.**

DECISION

CONFIRM the above Compulsory Purchase Order without modification based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

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 land 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 is 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 the 29th May, 2018.

