

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ACP-323412-25

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

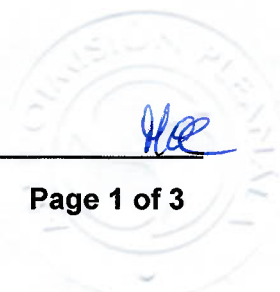
Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Applicant: Uisce Éireann

Application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 14th day of August 2025 from Uisce Éireann 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 Act 2000, as amended, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Uisce Éireann Compulsory Purchase (Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Duleek Trunk Watermain) Order, 2025.**

DECISION

CONFIRM the above Compulsory Purchase Order based on 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 Plan 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.



Marie O'Connor

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Commission.

Dated this *06th* day of *August* 2026

