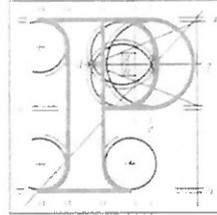


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Date: 05 January 2026

Re: Athlone link road phase 2. Proposed link road, joining the Crescent Junction (R915) to Southern Station Road Junction
Athlone, County Westmeath

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is before the Commission for consideration.

Please be advised that the Commission, in accordance with section 177AE(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby requires you to furnish the following further information in relation to the effects on the environment of the proposed development:

1. The application Drainage Report refers to shallow channels as draining the western side of the site and the immediate areas to the north and south. This Drainage Report also states that the application site is on occasion subject to flooding and that despite sizing the proposed surface water drainage infrastructure to accommodate all storm durations and intensities up to a 1:30 year storm (plus a 20% climate change factor), during exceptional events in excess of this water levels may overtop the discharge control (hydrobrake) and result in short-term uncontrolled flows towards the culvert draining west under Southern Station Road, towards an area that is noted to be prone to flooding under the Shannon Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study. The Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027, the operative statutory plan for this area, includes policy objective CPO 10.106 requiring flood risk assessments to be carried out for any development proposals within 200m of a watercourse and at risk of flooding. **The applicant is requested to submit a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment following the approach set out in 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2009), including the Technical Appendices.**

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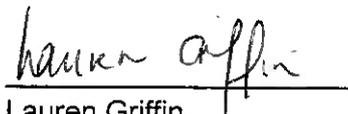
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If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



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