

Uisce Éireann COMPULSORY PURCHASE
(STALEEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO DONORE TRUNK MAIN)
ORDER, 2025

On 1st January 2014 all functions conferred on water services authorities by the Water Services Act 2007 (other than excluded provision and section 22) were transferred to Uisce Éireann by section 7(1) of the Water Services (No 2) Act 2013. Consequently, Uisce Éireann has powers, duties and functions vested in it by the Water Services Act, 2007 to make proper provision for water services as defined in the Water Services Act, 2007. In this regard, Uisce Éireann is responsible for the provision and development of water services, including the collection, treatment and discharge of water.

Submitted:

Engineers Report dated the **May 2025** from William McKnight connected with the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main being carried out by Uisce Éireann who is carrying out the functions of a Water Services Authority for the purposes of the Water Services Act, 2007.

This project aims to enhance the supply security by replacing and upsizing the existing 450mm asbestos cement (AC) trunk main supplies treated water from the Staleen Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to the Donore Reservoir, which supplies Drogheda. This trunk main is beyond its design lifespan and has a documented history of failures. Moreover, its capacity is insufficient to accommodate the projected increase in demand for water supply.

This Project aims to enhance the supply security by replacing and upsizing the existing 450mm AC Trunk Main from Staleen WTP to Donore with a new 600 mm Ductile Iron trunk Main. This increased capacity of the new trunk main is essential to meet the projected future water demand and support anticipated development within the region.

Generally, the scheme consists provision of the following works:

- A new outlet from the existing Staleen WTP reservoir;
- A new 600mm Ductile Iron (DI) trunk main from Staleen WTP to Donore Reservoir;
- The connection of the new trunk main to the Donore distribution network, with two additional connections reserved for future use;
- Ancillary development works, and;
- Associated temporary development works, including a temporary working area and temporary access for the construction period.

Confirmation:

Having considered the said report, I am satisfied that the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas detailed in the Schedule attached to the said report are necessary implementation for the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main.

In addition, the project has been included in Uisce Éireann's Capital Investment Plan and sufficient resources are available to finance the proposed acquisition of these lands,

permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas and the implementation of the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main.

I am satisfied that all reasonable alternatives have been fully considered and that these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas are necessary for the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main and suitable for the purpose for which they are required. I am also satisfied that Uisce Éireann needs to invoke the Compulsory Purchase Order Procedure to acquire the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas required as it is unlikely that all of same can be acquired by agreement with the relevant Landowners with full title or otherwise in a timely fashion. A routing report from Nicholas O'Dwyer Consulting Engineers was produced in this regard.

Having considered the Engineers Report of William McKnight, I **HEREBY CONFIRM** that the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary working areas and temporary construction rights as referred to above and detailed in the Schedule attached to the report and accompanying maps:

- (a) be acquired compulsorily by Uisce Éireann;
- (b) for the purposes of carrying out the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main;
- (c) for the purposes of performing its functions under the Water Services Act, 2007; and
- (d) in the interests of the community and for the other reasons outlined more fully in the report.

I am satisfied that all reasonable alternatives have been fully considered and that these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas are necessary for the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main and suitable for the purpose for which they are required. I am also satisfied that Uisce Éireann needs to invoke the Compulsory Purchase Order Procedure for the lands, wayleaves, rights of way, temporary working areas and temporary construction rights required as it is unlikely that all of same can be acquired by agreement with the relevant Landowners with full title or otherwise in a timely fashion and that adequate financial provision has been made by Uisce Éireann to finance the proposed acquisition of these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas and for the implementation of the Staleen Water Treatment Plant to Donore Trunk Main.

I am satisfied that the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order is in order from a sustainable development perspective and is in the community interest and is required to assist Uisce Éireann in fulfilling its duties and functions under the Water Services Act, 2007. Nicholas O'Dwyer Consulting Engineers have produced a Planning Report in this regard. I am satisfied that the proposal is compliant with:

- The most recent Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 and Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.
- The most recent Planning Guidelines for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031.

I am of the opinion that it would be appropriate to effect the acquisition under Section 76 and the Third Schedule of the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 and as amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule of the Roads Act, 1993) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2015 and as applied to Uisce Éireann by Section 93 of the Water Services Act, 2007, as amended.

I FURTHER CONFIRM that a Compulsory Purchase Order as aforesaid be prepared in the prescribed form and once prepared, I confirm that the seal of Uisce Éireann may be affixed to the said Order and maps referred to therein and be signed by me and countersigned by the Company Secretary of Uisce Éireann, that the necessary notices be served on the owners, reputed owners and occupiers and where necessary posted on the lands, that notice of the making of the Order be published as prescribed in the Meath Chronicle and that the Order and said maps are to be deposited for inspection in the prescribed manner at the following locations:

- (i) Uisce Éireann
Colvill House
24-26 Talbot Street
Dublin 1

and

- (ii) Meath County Council
Buvinda House
Dublin Road
Navan
Co Meath
C15 Y291

and that the Company Secretary is hereby assigned the duties of signing all notices connected with the said Compulsory Purchase Order on behalf of Uisce Éireann and that the Order be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation,

Dated this 2 day of June 2025

SIGNED: _____

CEO, Uisce Éireann

Being the person duly authorised by the Board of Directors
of Uisce Éireann to give this confirmation