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Transportation Department

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Re: Notice under Article 251 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, to carry out development at Newtownmoyaghy Road, Kilcock, Co. Meath

Dear Sir/Madam,

Introduction

Pursuant to Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Meath County Council proposes to make an application for approval to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the proposed Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme, at Newtownmoyaghy Road, Kilcock, Co. Meath.

Description of the Proposed Development

This Section 177AE application to An Coimisiún Pleanála is in relation to the proposed Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme. Meath County Council are proposing to upgrade and widen the existing Newtownmoyaghy Road which will result in the diversion of the Newtownmoyaghy Stream to the northeast of the existing channel and road, within an area of agricultural grassland.

Compaction from traffic and erosion from stream flood events has caused the existing road edge and verge to collapse in discreet sections into the Newtownmoyaghy Stream (EPA Code:09N02; (also known as the Jeninstown Stream), which is a tributary of the WFD waterbody Rye_Water_020 [WFD code: IE_EA_09R010300]) which runs adjacent to the road.

This has become both a health and safety risk for road users and an environmental risk due to the release of hydrocarbons and other vehicle pollutants entering the adjacent stream via run-off. To resolve the issue, Meath County Council propose to carry out an open channel

diversion and infilling of the existing stream in order to facilitate the widening of the road and road verge.

The proposed development will consist of:

- diversion of the Newtownmoyaghy Stream within an area of agricultural grassland to the northeast of the existing channel and road;
- piping, infilling and topsoiling of the existing stream channel;
- provision of new culvert under the Newtownmoyaghy Road to connect the diverted stream into the existing channel downstream;
- provision of agricultural crossings over the new channel;
- widening of the existing carriageway;
- construction of new road pavement and upgrade of existing road pavement;
- alterations to the entrance of one residential property;
- provision of new agricultural entrances; and
- provision of associated drainage infrastructure, boundary treatments, surfacing works, road marking, traffic signage and landscaping.

The Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared based on the conclusions of the AA Screening report which accompanies this application. The purpose of the NIS report is to evaluate whether the project, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site, in view of that European site's conservation objectives and in view of the best available scientific knowledge.

The NIS, together with all plans and particulars of the proposed development, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during the period from **Monday, 13 October 2025 to Friday, 28 November 2025** inclusive, at the following locations and hours.

- online at: <https://consult.meath.ie/>;
- **Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291**, between the hours of 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays;
- **Municipal District of Ratoath Office, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath, A85 PP71**, between the hours of 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays; or
- the Offices of **An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902**, between the hours of 9.15am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

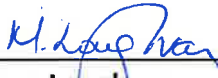
Submissions or observations regarding the proposed development may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development.
- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Submissions can be made in writing by email to laps@pleanala.ie or by post to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Dublin 1, D01 V902. Submissions must be received before 5.30pm on Friday, 28 November 2025.

We trust that the documentation online at: <https://consult.meath.ie> is in order and is sufficient for your consideration of the proposed Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme. However, should you require a hard copy or have any further queries in relation to any of the information enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Department by emailing transport@meathcoco.ie, quoting Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme.

Yours faithfully,



Mary Loughran
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