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### Proposed Development: Mountmellick Flood Relief Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### 1. Introduction

Please find enclosed Laois County Council's (LCC) application, under Section 175 and Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) (hereafter referred to as "the Act") for approval of a proposed flood relief scheme in Mountmellick, Co. Laois. Laois County Council (LCC), in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, are proposing the scheme for Mountmellick to address the risk posed by fluvial and pluvial flooding. The proposed planning submission relates only to the construction of fluvial and pluvial flood defence assets.

Accordingly, under Section 175 and Section 177AE of the Act, LCC considers that it is required to apply to the Board for approval.

The FRS will comprise of a series of walls and embankments along the Owenass, Clontygar, Pound and Garroon rivers, a surface water pumping station, the realignment of a limited length of the Clontygar, the reconstruction of Owenass Bridge, the provision of a demountable flood gate at Convent Bridge, the provision of several culverts and the removal of vegetation.

#### 2. List of enclosed planning documents

The following documents are enclosed as part of this application:

- 2 copies of plans and particulars for the proposed scheme
- 2 copies of the EIAR
- 2 copies of the NIS
- 2 copies of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- 2 copies of the Construction Environmental Management Plan
- 2 copies of the Hydraulic Modelling Report
- 2 copies of the Hydrology Report
- 2 copies of the Options Report
- 2 copies of the Stage 1 Report
- 1 no. electronic copy of the above

In addition, the following documents have been Included in the Stage 1 Report.

- Newspaper advertisements (Leinster Express & Irish Independent)
- Site notice
- Copies of letters to Prescribed Bodies
- Receipt of payment to An Coimisiún Pleanála
- Confirmation of upload to EIA Portal

### 3. Payment

A payment of €30,000 has been made by electronic transfer to An Coimisiún Pleanála (with the accompanying reference IE25081444198575).

### 4. Public Display

Hard copies of the application plans and particulars and the EIAR and NIS will be available for public inspection from 3 November 2025 at the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, and at the following locations:

- The offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois R32 EHP9
- Mountmellick Library, O'Moore Street, Mountmellick, Co. Laois R32 PX61

The documents will be available to the public until 15 December 2025.

The full suite of documents will be also available to view and download at the following website addresses:

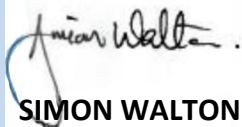
<https://www.mountmellickfrs.ie/>

<https://consult.laois.ie/en/consultation/mountmellick-flood-relief-scheme-submission-coimisiun-pleanala>

These websites contain a complete set of the plans and particulars submitted with this application.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned below.

Yours faithfully



**SIMON WALTON**  
Director of Services

