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An Coimisiún Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street,  
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**Subject: Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region (An Coimisiún Pleanála Ref. PA92.323980)**

**Response to Submissions on the Strategic Infrastructure Development application**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, we refer to your letter of 09 April inviting Uisce Éireann to make a submission on the observations received in relation to the above application.

We are pleased to enclose our response submission to the 114 observations received in relation to the application, including those submissions received from the relevant local authorities. The response submission comprises the Submissions Report and supporting Appendix (Appendix A). Appendix A lists the submissions and identifies where in the Submissions Report they are responded to. We enclose the Submissions Report and associated Appendix by way of electronic copy with this letter.

The Response to Submissions Report should be read in conjunction with the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) response submissions..

We confirm that, as requested, we have not included any additional or supplementary information and have confined our response to the issues raised in the observations received by an Coimisiún Pleanála (an Coimisiún). We have cross-referenced back to the application documentation where we have considered it helpful. While some observations requested the provision of additional information, for example, TII and Tipperary County Council, no new information has been provided as per the instructions received from an Coimisiún. Additional information can be made available in the event that an Coimisiún considers it appropriate to request such information from Uisce Éireann.

Each submission was assigned a unique reference number and reviewed through a two-stage process comprising an initial thematic review and a focused specialist assessment. This approach grouped similar issues under the relevant headings of the EIAR and supporting documents. This enables a comprehensive and coordinated response addressing the material planning issues, rather than providing a line-by-line response to individual submissions.

A number of observations proposed conditions, including pre-commencement conditions. In the event that an Coimisiún is minded to grant planning permission, Uisce Éireann would draw attention to the matters it has raised regarding potential pre-commencement conditions and other statutory consents as set out in Section 2.9 and 2.10 in the Response to Submissions Report document. The Proposed Project will span approximately 1,233 hectares (ha) across 6 County Council jurisdictions. Works will take place in different local authority areas at different times. As per section 2.9 we ask that the pre commencement conditions are appropriately drafted to reflect the timing and geographical extent of the Proposed Project. Section 2.10 sets out the approach to other statutory consents.

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In addition to submissions on pre-commencement conditions, we have also addressed the issue of development contributions and bonds at Section 3.4.4, Section 21.4.5 and 21.4.6 of the Response to Submissions Report.

It is noted that South Dublin County Council (SDCC) is due to issue an observation on the Strategic Infrastructure Development by 16 May 2026. This may have implications for certain matters addressed in this report including, for example, access to the Termination Point Reservoir. Accordingly, Uisce Éireann would appreciate if we were given an opportunity in due course to update the attached report, where necessary, to take account of any matters arising from the SDCC observation.

I trust that everything is in order. However, if any matters arise, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S White', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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