

Our Case Number: ACP-323980-25



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Fight the Shannon Pipeline Petition
c/o Tima Harnett
Ballynagleragh
Ogonnelloe
Co. Clare

Date: 17 February 2026

Re: Proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region
in the counties of Clare, Limerick, Tipperary, Offaly, Kildare, and Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

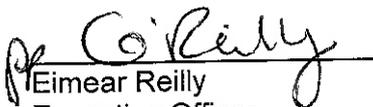
The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála when they have been processed by the Commission.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Commission's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission. 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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To An Coimisiun Pleanala,

We are writing to you as a community who is gravely concerned by the proposal under The Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region to pipe water from Parteen to Peamount in Dublin PA 92.323980.

We would like to lodge an objection to the Planning Application and intend to bring the issue to the European Court of Justice under the following grounds:

Breach of the legislation under the EUs Water Framework Directive
The Water Environment (Abstraction and Associated Impoundment) Act 2022.

1. It will reduce flow levels,
2. It will interfere with sediment transport

Which will cause deterioration in the Status of the Water body, non compliance with standards or objectives for a protected area.

The abstraction is so significant and catastrophic that the Minister should not be allowed to make such an continued abstraction to be exempt from this legislation and from the EU Directive.

This abstraction should be prohibited on the grounds that it will cause deterioration of the water body and will jeopardise compliance with Environmental objectives.

The proposal also breaches the following legislation

Breach of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2000/60/EC

Contrary to the "good status" principle

Contrary to the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003(S.I No 722 of 2003)

European Communities Environmental Objectives

Surface Waters Regulations 2009 (S. I No 272)2009,

Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 and 1990

EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC.

Ecological grounds

The proposal will directly affect the Lough Derg (Shannon)

Special Protection Area 004058

The proposal breaches S.I. no 331/2019 European Union Conservation of Wild Birds

(Lough Derg Shannon) Special Protection Area 004058, breeding and wintering birds, Cormorant, Common Tern, Tufted Duck, Eagles, herrings, Owls all have their homes along these waters. The continuous removal of water will destroy the massive network of Special areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas affecting the Lower Shannon (site 002165) and also Lough Derg under SPA 004058 which protects the habitats, lagoons, alluvial forests and all species associated with this SAC.

These sites are part of the EU Natura 2000 Network ensuring the protection of priority habitats and species.

Regulations 2019 states that particular attention shall be paid to the protection of Wetlands in the area identified in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

Under Sec 5 (1) subject to paragraph 2 “ a person shall not carry out, cause or permit to be carried out or continue to carry or assist in carrying out, any activity specified in Schedule 4 within the Special Protection area except and in accordance with consent given by the minister under the Regulations of 2011.

The activities include reclamation, blasting, drilling, dredging, otherwise removing, disturbing fossils, rock minerals, mud, sand gravel, cutting or uprooting plants.

And more particularly it prohibits the construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes.

The proposal will completely destroy this Special Area of Conservation in much the same manner in which Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland which is suffering from severe environmental degradation and collapse of the ecosystem.

The proposed Pipeline breaches a no of Irish and EU legislation on the Protection of Protected Species and their Habitats.

The Special Protection Area SPA for Wild Birds and the Special Area of Conservation.

The Pipeline will have an catastrophic effect on these European Protected Sites which would have a damaging effect on birds,wildlife and biodiversity in this area.

Hedgerows, habitats, flora and fauna will be destroyed decimating this unique natural habitat,home to a number of protected species.

In the event that the Planning Application is granted, we as a community will have no other option but to hire a independent firm to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment on this delicate habitat and pursue a case action to protect the this massive special area of conservation and the endangered species in this area.

There is no necessity whatsoever to sacrifice a special area of conservation with all the endangered species wildlife and birds flora and fauna when there are several other options available.

The solutions which do not destroy our waters, lakes and special areas of conservation and or beach a number of EU Directives which include:

Restore existing pipes to prevent leaks,

Water treatment,
Water conversation.
Use of existing resources.

Look at the environmental disaster caused to Lough Neagh we will not allow this to happen to Lough Derg and will pursue this relentlessly through the European Court of Justice.

Your sincerely,

Tima Harnett
Solicitor on behalf of the Community and the Fight the Shannon Pipeline Petition