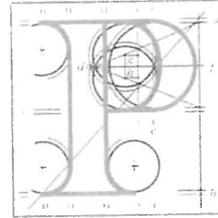


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Your Reference: James Waldron



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Date: 25 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 submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Commission will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that landowners affected by the compulsory purchase order associated with this application are not required to pay the €50 submission fee associated with this case. Accordingly, as you state that your client is an affected landowner, a refund for the €50 that you have paid (SID-OBS-004600) will be refunded to the debit/credit card used to make the payment.

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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Sent: Monday 23 February 2026 10:58
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Subject: FW: Objection to Uisce Éireann Compulsory Purchase (Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region) Order, 2025 - Drumachon Stud - Mr. James Waldron and family
Attachments: Objection ACP-Drumachon Stud-20th Feb 2026.pdf
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An Coimisiún Pleanála case Ref: - 323982

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We believe our client should have been included on the CPO schedule as an impacted landowner and therefore should have received formal CPO notice. We believe as an impacted landowner this objection should be accepted.

While no permanent acquisition of land from our client is proposed, the project includes the erection of overhead ESB lines, supported by structures. This power connection will traverse our Client's lands (main Folio - KE50129F) and directly interferes with the day-to-day operation of the stud farm.

Our client's formally objects to this CPO scheme within the attached document.

Please confirm receipt of this submission, and confirm that this has been accepted as a valid landowner objection.

Any queries please contact me on 086 2437528

Regards and Thanks

Kevin



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Our Ref: KME

20th February 2026

Re: Objection to Uisce Éireann Compulsory Purchase (Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region) Order, 2025

Our Client: Drumachon Stud – Mr. James Waldron and family
Address: Derrymahon, Timahoe East, Coill Dubh, Co. Kildare
Main Folio Number: - KE50129F
An Coimisiún Pleanála case Ref: - 323982

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of our Client, Drumachon Stud – Mr. James Waldron and family, the owners and operators of this specialised equine breeding and rearing enterprise located within the proposed corridor of ESB connection for the above-referenced scheme.

We believe our client should have been included on the CPO schedule as an impacted landowner, and therefore should have received formal CPO notice. We believe as an impacted landowner this objection should be accepted.

While no permanent acquisition of land from our client is proposed, the project includes the erection of overhead ESB lines, supported by structures (identified in pink on drawings below, as “power connections”). This power connection will traverse our Client’s lands (main Folio - KE50129F) and directly interfere with the day-to-day operation of the stud farm.

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Our Client formally objects to this element of the scheme and the EIAR prepared for the scheme on the following environmental, planning and operational grounds.

1. Nature and sensitivity of the existing equine peration

The subject holding comprises approximately 51 acres, supporting a carefully managed equine enterprise with approximately 45 horses along with up to 150 sheep and lambs on site at any one time, including:

- 15 breeding mares
- 15 yearlings
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With lambs born around March each year.

This is a highly sensitive agricultural use, requiring quiet conditions, safe and predictable movement routes, secure paddock environments, and strict control of external disturbance. The proposed overhead lines would cross key paddocks, pass in close proximity to our Client's private dwelling and stables, and traverse the primary access route to the stud farm.

This level of intrusion is fundamentally incompatible with the safe and sustainable operation of an equine breeding facility.

2. Animal welfare and safety risks (during construction and operational phases)

Horses, particularly broodmares and young stock, are extremely sensitive to disturbance, unfamiliar activity, noise, machinery, and visual stimuli.

The construction of overhead lines proposed will involve:

- Heavy machinery and ground disturbance
- Prolonged construction activity within paddocks
- Repeated vehicle movements near horses and foals

This creates a real and foreseeable risk of injury, stress-induced complications, aborted pregnancies, and behavioral incidents.

Even post-construction, the presence of overhead lines and structures introduces ongoing risks, including:

- Spooking or flight responses caused by overhead elements
- Collision risk during high-energy movement within paddocks
- Loss of safe grazing and exercise areas

These are animal welfare impacts, and they cannot be fully mitigated through standard construction management plans.

3. Ground conditions and long-term paddock degradation

Equine paddocks are particularly vulnerable to soil compaction, poaching and drainage disruption.

Interference with ground conditions during installation and associated works is likely to result in:

- Soft or uneven ground conditions
- Increased risk of tendon, ligament and joint injuries
- Long-term loss of paddock usability, particularly in winter conditions

Unlike general agricultural grazing, equine land requires a much higher standard of surface integrity, which once compromised may take years to recover.

4. Disruption to farm access and internal movement

The proposed overhead line crosses the main entrance to the stud farm and dwelling, an area that is used daily for:

- Horse movements
- Veterinary and farrier access
- Breeding-related operations
- Deliveries and emergency access

Any restriction, redirection or temporary closure of this access point creates unacceptable safety risks and operational disruption in a setting where calm, controlled movement is essential.

5. Need for temporary removal of stock

During construction, it may be necessary to remove some or all horses from affected paddocks for safety reasons.

However:

- Suitable livery facilities may not be available at short notice
- Removal of horses disrupts established routines, breeding cycles and welfare management
- Biosecurity risks increase significantly when animals are moved off-site

The need to displace animals at all is evidence that the proposed works are incompatible with the existing land use.

6. Inappropriate infrastructure type and routing

The decision to utilise overhead lines at this location rather than alternative routing with underground cables, has not been adequately justified having regard to:

- The specialised equine land use
- Proximity to private dwelling and stables
- Concentration of animal welfare sensitivities

The current proposal reflects a generic engineering solution, rather than a site-specific design, informed by a comprehensive assessment of this particular Stud farm's land use and operation.

7. Failure to properly assess site-specific impacts

While environmental and technical assessments accompany the application, there is a clear failure to meaningfully assess:

- Equine-specific welfare and safety impacts
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- The cumulative effect of disturbance across multiple paddocks

We believe this represents a material deficiency in the assessment of the proposal, specific to our client's stud farm and enterprise.

Conclusion

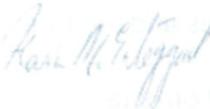
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- Long-term degradation of critical paddocks
- Disruption to safe access and farm operations

For these reasons, the proposal, as it relates to our Client's lands, does not represent a reasonable and sustainable development at this location.

We respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse to confirm this aspect of the scheme, or alternatively require the adoption of a less intrusive, site-appropriate solution. We reserve the right to expand on issues outlined above and raise additional matters at an oral hearing, when more comprehensive information is made available by Uisce Éireann

Yours faithfully,



Kevin McEntegart
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Eimear Reilly

From: LAPS
Sent: Monday 16 February 2026 16:04
To: Eimear Reilly
Subject: FW: Correction of Ref No. - Objection to Uisce Éireann Compulsory Purchase (Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region) Order, 2025 - Drumachon Stud - Mr. James Waldron and family
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To: sids@pleanala.ie.; LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: RE: Correction of Ref No. - Objection to Uisce Éireann Compulsory Purchase (Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region) Order, 2025 - Drumachon Stud - Mr. James Waldron and family

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please note correction to case reference number for CPO scheme, which should have read 323982, rather than 323980 (planning case reference).

Our Client: Drumachon Stud – Mr. James Waldron and family
Address: Derrymahon, Timahoe East, Coill Dubh, Co. Kildare
An Coimisiún Pleanála case Ref: - 323982

Any queries please let me know.

Regards and Thanks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Our client's formally object to this element of the scheme.

Please confirm receipt of this submission.

Regards and Thanks

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Our Ref: KME

13th February 2026

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Main Folio Number: - KE50129F
An Coimisiún Pleanála case Ref: - 323980

Dear Sir/Madam,

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- **Planning Application for the Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region in the counties of Clare, - Limerick, Tipperary, Offaly, Kildare and Dublin.**

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Main Folio Number: - KE50129F
An Coimisiún Pleanála case Ref: - 323980

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