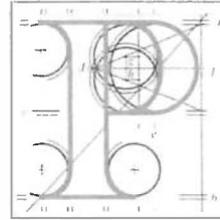


Our Case Number: ACP-323980-25

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

McKeogh's Hardware Ltd
c/o Chiara McKeogh
Ballina
Co. Tipperary

Date: 04 March 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,


Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

PA04

Teil
Glaó Áitiúil
Facs
Láithreán Gréasáin
Ríomhphost

Tel
LoCall
Fax
Website
Email

(01) 858 8100
1890 275 175
(01) 872 2684
www.pleanala.ie
communications@pleanala.ie

64 Sráid Maoilbhríde
Baile Átha Cliath 1
D01 V902

64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
D01 V902

Chiara McKeogh
McKeoghs Hardware Ltd
Ballina,
Co. Tipperary

25/02/2026

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of McKeogh's Hardware, a long-established business serving the local community along the River Shannon. We wish to formally object to the proposed abstraction and transfer of water from the River Shannon to supply Dublin. Our objection is based on serious concerns regarding environmental sustainability, economic impact, and long-term planning priorities.

The River Shannon is not merely a water source; it is the backbone of tourism, recreation, biodiversity and local enterprise in this region. The river supports salmon and other native fish populations, and any alteration to flow levels risks damaging fragile ecosystems. Reduced water levels and altered flow patterns may exacerbate existing issues such as algal blooms, which have already had detrimental effects on water quality, wildlife, and visitor perception of the area.

Tourism is a critical component of the local economy. Activities such as angling, boating, cruising, and lakeside hospitality depend directly on healthy and stable water levels. Any project that risks undermining the ecological integrity of the river poses a direct threat to small and medium-sized businesses that rely on tourism footfall and seasonal trade.

We are also deeply concerned that this proposal appears to prioritise water extraction over addressing the significant leakage and infrastructure inefficiencies within Dublin's existing water system. It is difficult to justify placing additional environmental pressure on the Shannon region while substantial volumes of treated water are reportedly lost daily through unrepaired leaks. Sustainable water management should begin with repairing and modernising existing infrastructure before exporting environmental risk to another region.

The Shannon is a shared national resource, but the burden of risk and consequence should not fall disproportionately on the communities who live and work along its banks.

We respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála fully consider the cumulative ecological, economic, and social impacts of this proposal and refuse permission for the abstraction scheme in its current form.

Yours faithfully,

Chiara McKeogh
For and on behalf of McKeogh's Hardware