

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

**WATER STRATEGY FOR COUNTY KILDARE
PROPOSAL TO ABSTRACT WATER FROM THE RIVER BARROW**

IN THE MATTER OF THE WATER SUPPLIES ACT 1942

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SANITARY SERVICES) ACTS 1878 TO 1995

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2002

**WATER SUPPLIES (APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL ORDER)
REGULATIONS 2000**

NOTICE TO NAVIGATION AUTHORITIES

Notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) being the Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Kildare, for the purpose of providing a supply of water to areas of west, mid and south Kildare, including the towns of Athy, Naas, Newbridge, Kildare Town and Kilcullen, by virtue of the powers conferred on it under and in accordance with the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1995 and pursuant to the Waters Supplies Act 1942 and the Water Supplies (Application For Provisional Order) Regulations 2000 has made a proposal under the Water Supplies Act 1942 to take the supply of water as follows:

- (a) The source of water from which the supply of water is proposed to be taken is the River Barrow.
- (b) The place at which the supply of water is proposed to be taken is in the townland of Srowland, upstream of Athy, County Kildare.
- (c) It is proposed to take part only of the water at such place.
- (d) The maximum rate at which it is proposed to abstract water is 40,000 cubic metres in any 24 hour continuous period.
- (e) Not Applicable
- (f) The estimated minimum quantity of water flowing past the proposed intake location in the summer during any continuous period not exceeding one day is 139,000 cubic metres per day. The minimum compensation flow downstream of the proposed abstraction will be 1.145 cubic metres

per second (99,000 cubic metres per day).

- (g) The proposal involves the carrying out of ancillary operations as defined under Section 1 of the Water Supplies Act of 1942 as follows:
- (i) An intake structure located in the bank of the river channel at the abstraction point consisting of concrete walls with openings covered with screening equipment. Water will flow from the river through these screens into a covered chamber below ground level where it will be pumped to raw water storage and treatment.

There are no other ancillary operations proposed within the definition of Section 1 of the Water Supplies Act of 1942 but the following works will also be constructed:

- (i) Raw water pumping station.
- (ii) Raw water bankside storage.
- (iii) Water Treatment Works capable of treating 40,000 cubic metres per day to potable water standards.
- (iv) High Lift Pumping Station for treated water.
- (v) Site roads and site pipelines.

Particulars of ancillary operations are included in the proposal, a copy of which is available for inspection with the Book of Reference

For your information a Book of Reference, containing the names of persons whom the Council has ascertained, after taking all reasonable measures, may suffer damage by the taking of the water, in the form prescribed and details of the proposal are available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare between the hours of 9.00am to 1:00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and also at Athy Community Library, Emily Square, Athy, County Kildare, during opening hours, which are 10:00am to 8:00pm Tuesday and Thursday and 10:00am to 5:00pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the library is closed on Mondays. It should be noted that public holidays are excepted in both cases.

An Environmental Impact Statement has also been prepared in respect of the proposal and is available for inspection free of charge at the places and times described above and for purchase at the offices of Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, County Kildare.

If either no objection is duly made to the proposal or if every such objection so made is withdrawn, the proposal shall be deemed to have been agreed to and Kildare County Council will be empowered to take a supply of water in accordance with the proposal.

If any objection to the proposal is duly made and is not withdrawn, Kildare County Council will apply to An Bord Pleanála under the Water Supplies Act 1942 and the Water Supplies (Application for a Provisional Order) Regulations 2000 for a provisional order declaring that the proposal may come into force.

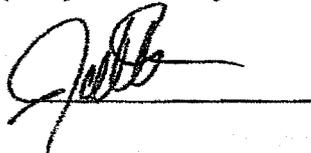
Any navigation authority, as defined in section 21 of the Water Supplies Act 1942, of the opinion that the taking of the water, in accordance with the proposal, makes or will make the navigation of such navigable water impossible or unreasonably difficult may make an objection to the proposal by giving to Kildare County Council a written statement comprising an interference notice and stating the reasons why it considers that the taking of the water, in accordance with the proposal, makes or will make the navigation of such navigable water impossible or unreasonably difficult.

The interference notice, and reasons thereof, must reach The Director Of Services, Housing and Water Services, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, County Kildare, not later than 5pm on Wednesday the 12th March 2003.

If an interference notice to the proposal is duly made, Kildare County Council will consider the objections of the navigation authority, and shall negotiate with the navigation authority for the withdrawal of the interference notice. The navigation authority may withdraw the interference notice at any time by giving written notice to Kildare County Council in that regard. Kildare County Council may apply to the High Court to annul the interference notice under section 21 of the Water Supplies Act 1942.

Dated this 19th day of February 2003

Signed:



A.C. Talbot
County Secretary
Kildare County Council