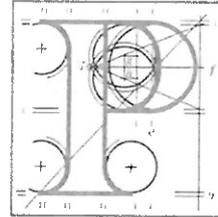


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**An  
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Pleanála**

National Transport Authority  
Haymarket House  
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**Date:** 09 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 submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

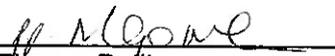
The Commission will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that 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](http://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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Please find attached the National Transport Authority's submission on the Water Supply Project - Eastern and Midlands Region (case ref. PA92.323980).

Yours sincerely,



**Owen Shinkwin**

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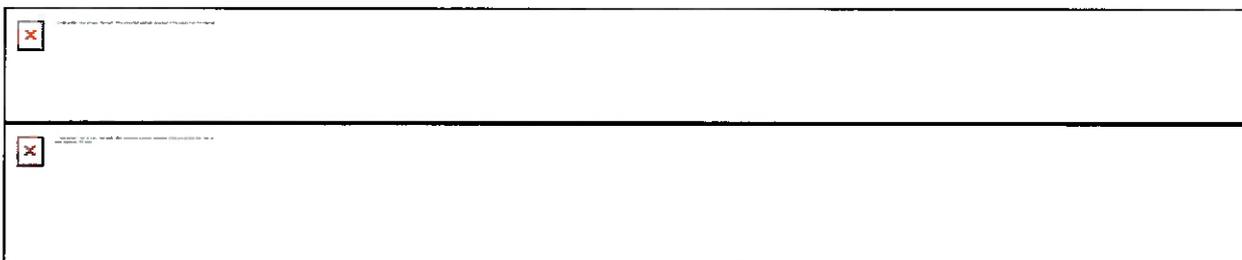
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25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**RE: Case Ref. PA92.323980 Water Supply Project - Eastern and Midlands Region**

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) has reviewed the above referenced planning application and, based on the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-42 (the “Transport Strategy”), which is prepared under Section 12 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act and which provides a long-term strategic planning framework for the integrated development of transport infrastructure and services in the GDA, makes the following observations and recommendations.

It is noted that the proposed project spans an area across 6 county council areas, between Limerick City and County Council and South Dublin County Council.

In relation to the proposed project’s interface with the rail network, the NTA notes its proximity to and interface with the existing railway line between Dublin Heuston and Naas, with particular reference to the following matters:

- Existing rail services in operation, including commuter and intercity services.
- The DART+South West project, approved by An Bord Pleanála in November 2024, which provides, inter alia, for the upgrading of the existing railway between Hazelhatch & Celbridge Station and Heuston Station, involving track works, electrification and certain interventions to remove constraints.
- The extension of the DART service on the Kildare Line to Naas / Sallins, which was identified as a requirement over the lifetime of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042, based on forecast demand for travel, when considered in tandem with the need to reduce transport emissions.

***Recommendation***

In the event of a grant of permission, the NTA would recommend that a condition is attached which requires the Applicant to engage with the NTA and Irish Rail, at detailed design and pre-construction stages, in relation to:

- the operation of existing rail services at the proposed project’s interface with the rail network,
- the DART+ South West project and
- the longer-term objective to extend DART services to Naas/Sallins,

to minimise potential disruption during the construction phase, to ensure that the proposed project is compatible with the requirements of the DART+South West project and that it takes into consideration the future extension of DART services to Naas/Sallins.

In relation to any other interface points between the proposed project and the rail network, it is recommended that a similar condition be applied.

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into consideration in the assessment of the above referenced planning application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Owen Shinkwin".

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Owen Shinkwin  
**Senior Land Use Planner**