

Kerry National Roads Office
Kerry County Council
The Island Centre
Castleisland
Co. Kerry

Date: 27 July 2026

Re: Proposed development N70 Waterville to Ballybrack Road Improvement Scheme
Townlands of Waterville, Ballybrack and Eightercua, Co. Kerry

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is before the Commission for consideration.

Please be advised that the Commission, in accordance with section 177AE(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby requires you to furnish the following further information in relation to the effects on the environment of the proposed development:

The following Further Information is requested:

1. Following a review of the applicant documentation, it is considered that sufficient detailed information has not been received to show precise arrangements at Waterville Bridge. Therefore, the applicant shall provide drawings (plans, sections and elevations) and a construction method for the proposed scheme at Waterville Bridge and adjoining area detailing in particular:
 - a) the design and construction method of the proposed footbridge and its associated supporting structures,
 - b) location and extent of any proposed instream works,
 - c) the drainage arrangements and design of the outfalls and combined filter drain system,
 - d) the landscaping and boundary treatments and materials to be used at Waterville Bridge and entrance to Waterville House,
 - e) arrangements (temporary and permanent) for access under the northern arch of Waterville Bridge and interaction with proposed footbridge.
2. Following a review of the applicant documentation, it is considered that sufficient detailed information has not been received to show the precise impacts of the proposed development on Ballinskelligs Bay and Inny Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (000335) and on Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment SAC (000365). Therefore, the applicant shall provide the following information to enable a full and

comprehensive assessment to be completed and to reach a conclusion in respect of Appropriate Assessment (AA).

- a) The applicant shall submit a habitat survey to sufficient detail such that impacts on potential Annex I habitats (including qualifying interest (QI) habitats) and non-Annex I habitats can be determined.
 - b) It is noted that minor in-stream works are proposed within the Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment SAC (000365) to facilitate the installation of a headwall and outfall pipe on the northern bank of the River Currane. The applicant shall submit a habitat suitability survey for aquatic QI species to sufficient detail such that impacts on aquatic QI species can be determined.
 - c) The applicant shall submit an otter survey to sufficient detail such that impacts on otter can be determined.
 - d) The report titled "Williams, L (2017) Waterville N70 Road Improvement Scheme Aquatic Ecological Impact Assessment (Unpublished report)" shall be submitted.
 - e) The applicant shall submit detailed drawings (1:250 scale) showing the footprint of the works (including lands required for construction), the SAC boundaries and Annex I (if present) and non-Annex I habitats. The drawings shall also include plan and cross section of both drainage outfalls such that impacts on QI habitats and QI aquatic species can be determined.
 - f) The applicant shall submit detail of the area(s) of temporary and permanent habitat loss inside and outside of the SAC(s) including area(s) of Annex I habitat (if any) and non-Annex I habitat.
 - g) The applicant shall justify, in terms of best available scientific information, why habitat loss will not result in adverse effects on site integrity of the SAC(s) overall in view of the conservation objectives.
 - h) The applicant shall confirm if the proposed development will require a Regulation 54 Derogation for Annex IV species and submit details of such licences, if any.
 - i) The AA Screening report, Natura Impact Assessment (NIS) and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be updated to reflect the results of the above surveys.
3. The applicant shall submit:
- a) details/report of the iterative decision-making process and consideration of alternatives as referenced in Page 7 and 13 of the Response to Submission of May 2026 and any further technical consideration of a single alternating traffic lane with signals.
 - b) the Cultural Heritage Assessment as referenced in Page 13 and Page 85 of the Response to Submission of May 2026.
 - c) all reports prepared to inform the Landscape and Visual Assessment which was carried out for the proposed development including reports prepared by MacroWorks in January 2022 and RPS in December 2025 as referenced in Page 36 of the Response to Submission of May 2026 and any updated photomontages, if required.
 - d) any other supporting reports reference but not provided in the initial planning particulars.
4. The applicant shall submit a Road Safety Audit (RSA) in accordance with TII Publication GE-STY-01024 (HD 19/15)
5. The applicant shall submit any additional/updated information/reports that support the planning application as referenced in the planning particulars or which may address further any third-party issues arising.

The further information referred to above should be received by the Commission within 6 months from the date of this notice (i.e. on or before the 5th of February 2027).

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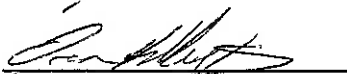
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Please note that following its examination of any information lodged in response to this request for additional information, the Commission will then decide whether or not to invoke its powers under section 177AE(5)(d) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, requiring you to publish notice of the furnishing of any additional information and to allow for inspection or purchase of same and the making of further written submissions in relation to same to the Commission.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

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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