

**UISCE ÉIREANN COMPULSORY PURCHASE**  
**(Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station) ORDER, 2026**

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 all functions conferred on water services authorities by the Water Services Act 2007 (other than excluded provision and section 22) were transferred to Uisce Éireann by section 7(1) of the Water Services (No 2) Act 2013. Consequently, Uisce Éireann has powers, duties and functions vested in it by the Water Services Act, 2007 to make proper provision for water services as defined in the Water Services Act, 2007. In this regard, Uisce Éireann is responsible for the provision and development of water services, including the collection, treatment and discharge of URBAN WASTE.

**Submitted:**

The Engineers Report dated the April 2026 from David Shalloo Portfolio Officer connected with the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station, Co. Cavan being carried out by Uisce Éireann, who is carrying out the functions of a Water Services Authority for the purposes of the Water Services Act, 2007.

The Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project's main objectives are as follows:

- Installation of a new Wastewater Pumping Station and emergency storage tank in accordance with Uisce Éireann Standards.
- To facilitate projected future phased capacity pumping station catchment flows.
- Eliminate ongoing equipment failure, blocking, ragging and flooding with subsequent cleaning requirements.
- Eliminate existing operational and health and safety concerns.
- Regularise land ownership of the Uisce Éireann Pumping Station.

The existing Pumping Station is situated in Arvagh, Co. Cavan, approximately 10km southwest of Cavan Town, and receives effluent from the adjacent Palm Court residential estate. Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station is in a grass covered amenity area on the western edge of the Arvagh\_Palm Court housing development. Pumping Station currently receives effluent via a 150mm diameter gravity sewer. The effluent is then pumped via a 110mm diameter rising main and discharges into an existing network discharge manhole on Broad Road, approximately 110m to the north.

The Project needs were developed from the issues identified below during an Asset Survey and developed into Concept and subsequent Detailed Design.

- Operational issues resulting from infiltration and inadequate capacity and suffers ongoing equipment failure, blocking, ragging and flooding with subsequent cleaning requirements.
- Emergency storage not provided and therefore liable to flooding and surcharge issues.
- Failure to meet Uisce Éireann Standards for an asset of this nature in terms of the civil infrastructure and mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, control and automation (MEICA) installation.
- Health and safety risks for the operators in terms of deficiencies in lifting the pumps, and unsafe access to essential components such as valves.

**Confirmation:**

Having considered the said report, I am satisfied that the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas detailed in the Schedule attached to the said report are necessary implementation for the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project, County Cavan.

In addition, the project has been included in Uisce Éireann's 2025-2029 Strategic Funding Plan which has been developed by Uisce Éireann to address national strategic objectives as laid out in Uisce Éireann's Water Service Strategic Plan 2050 and sufficient resources are available to finance the proposed acquisition of these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas and the implementation of the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project, County Cavan.

I am satisfied that all reasonable alternatives have been fully considered and that these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas are necessary for the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project and suitable for the purpose for which they are required. I am also satisfied that Uisce Éireann needs to invoke the Compulsory Purchase Order Procedure to acquire the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas required as it is unlikely that all of same can be acquired by agreement with the relevant Landowners with full title or otherwise in a timely fashion. A Site and Route Selection Report, prepared by Ryan Hanley (now Stantec) dated July 2024 is attached in this regard.

Having considered the said report, **I HEREBY CONFIRM** that the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary working areas and temporary construction rights as referred to above and detailed in the Schedule attached to the report and accompanying maps:

- (a) be acquired compulsorily by Uisce Éireann;
- (b) for the purposes of carrying out the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project;
- (c) for the purposes of performing its functions under the Water Services Act, 2007; and
- (d) in the interests of the community and for the other reasons outlined more fully in the report.

I am satisfied that all reasonable alternatives have been fully considered and that these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas are necessary for the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project and suitable for the purpose for which they are required. I am also satisfied that Uisce Éireann needs to invoke the Compulsory Purchase Order Procedure for the lands, wayleaves, rights of way, temporary working areas and temporary construction rights required as it is unlikely that all of same can be acquired by agreement with the relevant Landowners with full title or otherwise in a timely fashion and that adequate financial provision has been made by Uisce Éireann to finance the proposed acquisition of these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary

working areas and for the implementation of the Arvagh\_Palm Court Wastewater Pumping Station Project.

I am satisfied that the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order is in order from a sustainable development perspective and is in the community interest and is required to assist Uisce Éireann in fulfilling its duties and functions under the Water Services Act, 2007. I am satisfied that the proposal is compliant with:

- The Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028.

I am of the opinion that it would be appropriate to effect the acquisition under Section 76 and the Third Schedule of the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 and as amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule of the Roads Act, 1993) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2015 and as applied to Uisce Éireann by Section 93 of the Water Services Act, 2007, as amended.

**I FURTHER CONFIRM** that a Compulsory Purchase Order as aforesaid be prepared in the prescribed form and once prepared, I confirm that the seal of Uisce Éireann may be affixed to the said Order and maps referred to therein and be signed by me, or a Director of Uisce Éireann, and countersigned by the Company Secretary of Uisce Éireann, that the necessary notices be served on the owners, reputed owners and occupiers and where necessary posted on the lands, that notice of the making of the Order be published as prescribed in the Anlo Celt and that the Order and said maps are to be deposited for inspection in the prescribed manner at the following locations:

- (i) Uisce Éireann, Colvill House,  
24-26 Talbot Street,  
Dublin 1

and

- (ii) Johnston Central Library,  
Farham Centre,  
Farham Street,  
Cavan

and that the Company Secretary is hereby assigned the duties of signing all notices connected with the said Compulsory Purchase Order on behalf of Uisce Éireann and that the Order be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation,

Dated this 7 day of April 2026

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

CEO, Uisce Éireann

Being the person duly authorised by the Board of Directors  
of Uisce Éireann to give this confirmation