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Dear Sir/Madam

16 July 2026

RE: Planning Application under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for Strategic Infrastructure Development for a period of 10 years for development at Mortarstown Upper and Carlow, Carlow, Co. Carlow.

Proposed Upgrades to the Mortarstown Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kilkenny Road Pumping Station, Carlow, Co. Carlow

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, gives notice of its intention to seek permission from An Coimisiún Pleanála for the development of the proposed upgrade of (i) the existing Mortarstown Waste Water Treatment Plant (WwTP), and (ii) the existing Kilkenny Road Pumping Station, in the town of Carlow, Co. Carlow herein referred to as the 'Proposed Development'.

In summary, the proposed development will consist of an upgrade to the existing Mortarstown WwTP, including the provision/refurbishment/demolition of various associated structures; decommissioning of existing Kilkenny Road Pumping Station; construction of a new inlet pump station at Mortarstown WwTP; construction of a new microtunnel gravity sewer along Kilkenny Road (R448) between the existing Kilkenny Road Pumping Station and the proposed new inlet pump station; construction of a new outfall chamber and outfall pipe including a microtunnel under the Kilkenny Road (R448); and landscaping, boundary treatment works, an upgrade to an existing borehole, and all ancillary site works above and below ground to facilitate the proposed development.

The nature, extent and location of the proposed development is fully described in the application plans and particulars.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development.

2no. hard copies and 1no. soft copy (in electronic format) of this application is enclosed herewith. A copy of this application may also be viewed on, and downloaded from, the application website www.mortarstownwwtp.ie/

Public consultation in respect of this application runs for the period commencing on the 28th July, 2026. Any submission / observation must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála no later than 5.30pm on the 15th September, 2026.

- Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out; and
- The likely significant effect of the proposed development on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Such submissions / observations must also include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full

(Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, refers).

Submissions can be made by hand, post, or email to laps@pleanala.ie.

The Coimisiún may make the following type of decision in relation to the application for the proposed development.

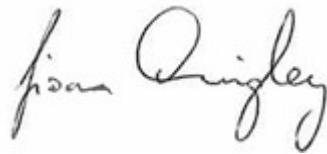
- (i) grant the permission, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquires relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100).

We trust that the documentation provided is in order and is sufficient for your consideration of this proposed development.

Yours faithfully,



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