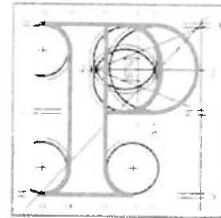


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Date: 17 September 2026

Re: Proposed Upgrades to the Mortarstown Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kilkenny Road Pumping Station
Carlow, County Carlow

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 a copy of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for inspection on the Commission's website at the following link:
<https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/324447>.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Commission's website: 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,

Muirín Gowen
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Re: Planning Application under Section 37E (Strategic Infrastructure Development) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Proposed Upgrades to the Mortarstown Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kilkenny Road Pumping Station, Carlow, Co. Carlow.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to correspondence received by the Agency from consultants on behalf of Uisce Éireann on 16 July 2026 regarding the Section 37E application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the above referenced development. In accordance with Regulation 6(7) of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2020 (hereafter referred to as the WWD Regulations), the Agency makes the below observations.

The Agency is satisfied that the application for permission is development comprising or for the purposes of a waste water discharge that requires a licence or a review of a licence.

A Waste Water Discharge Licence (Register No.: D0028-01) held by Uisce Éireann issued on 21 September 2009 for the waste water discharges from the waste water works serving the agglomeration of Carlow Town and Environs and sections of Graiguecullen, Co. Laois. Details of the licence application, licence and any amendments may be viewed on the Agency's website [LEAP Online](#). Currently, there is no application for a review of this licence with the Agency.

The population equivalent of the agglomeration for which the licence relates is 36,000. We note that the planning application which includes an upgrade of the waste water treatment plant and network for a design population equivalent of 58,000. Therefore, a review of the waste water discharge licence is required as the proposed development results in the waste water works serving the agglomeration with a population equivalent greater than that for which a licence was granted.

It is noted that the planning application is accompanied by an EIAR. Where an EIAR accompanies the licence review application, the Agency shall have regard to the matters mentioned in the EIAR in respect of the development only in so far as they relate to the risk of environmental pollution of the receiving waters from the waste water discharge concerned.

In addition, consultation on the licence review application and EIAR will be carried out in accordance with Regulation 21(6)/21(7) of the WWD Regulations as appropriate. All observations will be taken into account as part of the Agency's assessment and before making a decision in relation to any licence application. Please also note that where relevant you will be requested to provide the documentation relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) you have carried out to the Agency.

The Agency wishes to bring to your attention, the requirements of Regulation 41 of the WWD Regulations relating to the limitation of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. In particular, your determination of the application should not cause a breach or exacerbate breaches of the combined approach or otherwise cause serious water pollution. The Agency would further advise that the development shall not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive, Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, Habitats Directive, Birds Directive, and Environmental Liabilities Directive, as appropriate.

Any consultation received by the Agency from An Coimisiún Pleanála under Regulation 44 of the WWD Regulations will be responded to as relevant.

In determining the application, please note that the proposed development requires a review of Waste Water Discharge Licence D0028-01. If the Planning Authority determines to grant permission, the Agency requests that you consider including a condition to the grant of the permission that requires Uisce Éireann to submit an application(s) for review of licence D0028-01 to the Agency.

Finally, please note that in accordance with Regulation 21(6)(d) of the WWD Regulations, the Agency cannot issue a decision on a licence application which addresses the development above until a planning decision has been made.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to planning matters, please contact eiaplanning@epa.ie

Yours faithfully,
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