

Uisce Éireann's Ref: PN26000045300

Planning Ref: Donore 38/110 kV Substation

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

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Development Location: at a site north of the Drogheda Business and Technology Park, Donore Road, within the townland of Rathmullan, Drogheda, Co. Meath.

Development Description: Proposed 110 kV/ 38kV/Medium voltage (MV) electrical substation and all associated infrastructure

A Chara,

As the National Water Utility, Uisce Éireann delivers water services pursuant to the Water Services Act (and other legislation) and in accordance with our statutory functions and ancillary responsibilities and in a manner which is consistent with public policy.

Uisce Éireann is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support growth in our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies.

Uisce Éireann is delivering improvements to water services throughout Ireland where they are needed most urgently based on a clearly defined set of priorities. Our primary function is to provide clean drinking water to customers and to treat and return wastewater safely to the environment. In providing these services, we play a central role in enabling economic growth, protecting both the environment and the health and safety of our customers and the wider public.

Please accept this submission in respect of the above-referenced Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

Service Connections

The applicant has engaged with Uisce Éireann via a Pre-Connection Enquiry and Uisce Éireann can confirm that a Confirmation of Feasibility CDS25007951 has been issued to the applicant advising that a water connection is feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Uisce Éireann.

Uisce Éireann Assets

Uisce Éireann notes the presence of a 200mm water pipe at the eastern site boundary.

Uisce Éireann does not permit Build Over of its assets. Where the applicant proposes to build over, build near, or divert the existing water service located on the site, the applicant shall have received written Confirmation of Feasibility (COF) of Safe Separation Distances, Protection Measures and/or Diversion(s), to ensure adequate protection and uninterrupted service of this pipe, from Uisce Éireann (diversions@water.ie), prior to any works commencing.

Uisce Éireann Abstractions

Protection of drinking water sources from potentially adverse impacts is a priority for Uisce Éireann. It is Uisce Éireann's current policy to maintain safe and secure drinking water supplies and ensure that development will not give rise to any deterioration in water quality. Development proposals shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction points. It is also a requirement of the Water Framework Directive that waters used for the abstraction of drinking water are protected to avoid deterioration in quality.

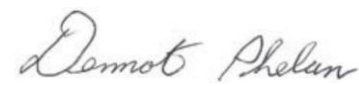
The proposed development is not located within a public drinking water abstraction catchment.

To ensure adequate provision and protection of water and wastewater facilities, Uisce Éireann recommends the following conditions;

1. The applicant shall enter into a connection agreement with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
2. There shall be no build over of public infrastructure from these proposals. Separation distances as per Uisce Éireann's Standards Codes & Practices shall be achieved where public infrastructure is in situ within and/or adjacent to site boundaries*.
3. The development shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s) and/or abstraction infrastructure**.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to planning@water.ie

Yours sincerely,



Dermot Phelan
Connections and Developer Services

Advisory Note(s):

*Uisce Éireann does not permit build over of its assets. Separation distances from public infrastructure, as per Uisce Éireann's Standards Codes and Practices must be achieved. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a diversion enquiry to Uisce Éireann Diversions Section (diversions@water.ie) prior to construction, where a potential build over of public assets is in question and/or where the applicants proposals cannot achieve separation distances from public infrastructure as per UÉ Standards & Codes of Practice.

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Any person discharging trade effluent** to a sewer, must have a Trade Effluent License issued pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended). More information and an application form for a Trade Effluent License can be found at the following link: <https://www.water.ie/business/trade-effluent/about/> . Trade effluent is defined in the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended).

Uisce Éireann does not permit surface waters into the public sewer network.