

**UISCE ÉIREANN COMPULSORY PURCHASE
(NAVAN WWTP UPGRADE PROJECT) ORDER, 2026**

On 1st 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 May 2026 from Paul Fallon, Portfolio Manager (Delivery) connected with the Navan WwTP Upgrade Project 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 capacity of the Navan Wastewater Treatment Plant is projected to be exceeded in the forthcoming years due to growth in population and economic activity within the area. Consequently, an upgrade to the facility is proposed, involving the addition of process units within the existing site to augment capacity and accommodate anticipated expansion, while ensuring operational safety.

To facilitate the safe operation of the plant, improvements to the sightlines of the access road will be implemented. Presently, the sightlines at the entrance to the Navan WWTP are restricted by stone walls on both sides, offering a sightline of 3 metres by 130 metres when assessing leftward visibility upon exiting the site, and a sightline of 3 metres by 80 metres when evaluating rightward visibility.

In order to comply with planning permissions and resolve the obstructions to sight distance, UÉ shall carry out enhancement works at the current site entrance in accordance with the submitted planning application. These improvements will entail repositioning both entrance pillars away from their original locations to improve sightlines upon exit.

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 Navan WwTP Upgrade Project.

In addition, the project has been included in Uisce Éireann's Strategic Funding Plan 2025-2029 and Capital Investment Plan 2025-2029 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 Navan WwTP Upgrade Project.

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 Navan WwTP Upgrade 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 routing report from Doran Consulting 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 Navan WwTP Upgrade 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 Navan WwTP Upgrade 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 Navan WwTP Upgrade Project.

Having reviewed a report from Braniff Associates 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 most recent Meath County Council Development Plan 2021-2027;
- The most recent Planning Guidelines for the Planning Guidelines for the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and
- The Local Area Plans including Meath County Council Development Plan 2021-2027 Navan Land use Zoning

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 Meath Chronicle newspaper and that the Order and said maps are to be deposited for inspection in the prescribed manner at the following locations:

(i) Colvill House, Dublin

and

(ii) Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, County Meath, C15 Y291

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 29 day of May 2026

SIGNED:



CEO, Uisce Éireann

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