

UISCE ÉIREANN COMPULSORY PURCHASE
(Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station) 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 May 2026 from David Shalloo connected with the Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station 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.

Existing Situation

Rathbride Abbey Pumping Station is located within the Rathbride Abbey housing estate in Kildare Town, Co. Kildare

As part of Uisce Éireann national Capital Maintenance Programme, this project addresses persistent operational and structural challenges at the station, ensuring reliable wastewater management for the 234 properties it currently serves and accommodating future development. With Uisce Éireann prioritising this site due to recurring equipment failures, capacity limitations, and health and safety concerns, the proposed interventions will not only resolve immediate deficiencies but also future proof the infrastructure in line with Uisce Éireann standards. The planned upgrades will enhance operational resilience, reduce maintenance costs, and support the continued social and economic development of the wider Kildare area.

Description of the project:

The proposed wastewater pumping station consists of the provision of the following:

- Construction of a new 5.5m diameter wet well (precast concrete caisson), providing 79m³ of emergency storage.
- Construction of a new reinforced concrete valve chamber and a new flowmeter chamber.
- Diversion of flows from the existing inlet manhole to the new wet well via a new gravity sewer.
- Connection of the existing rising main to the new valve chamber

Project Need:

The project is required to address the following:

- Wastewater Management: The proposed pumping station is necessary for pumping increased sewage effluents to the sewage treatment plant;
- Odour Management: The pumping station will manage odours through the installation of a new active odour control system;

- **Emergency Storage:** The construction of an emergency storage tank will be crucial for handling overflow situations, such as power outages or pump failures, which prevent environmental contamination.

Project Objectives:

The main objectives of the project are as follows:

- Addresses critical structural and operational deficiencies in the existing pumping station, ensuring reliable wastewater services for the Rathbride Abbey estate and wider Kildare Town.
- Provides increased storage and pumping capacity to meet current and future demand.
- Delivers a resilient, future-proofed for sustainable infrastructure.

Project Consent

The proposed works as outlined in section 2.4 above are exempt under Class 58(b) and (c) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,

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 Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station Upgrade

In addition, the project has been included in Uisce Éireann's Wastewater Pumping Station Capital Maintenance Programme 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 Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station Upgrade.

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 Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station 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 AtkinsRéalis was drafted 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 Rathbride Abbey Pumping Station Upgrade project, Rathbride Abbey, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare.;
- (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 Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station Upgrade, Rathbride Abbey, Kildare, Co. Kildare, 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 Rathbride Abbey Wastewater Pumping Station Upgrade, Rathbride Abbey, Kildare, Co. Kildare.

Having reviewed a report from David Shalloo 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:

- Kildare Co. Development Plan 2023-2029.
- The most recent Planning Guidelines for the Project Ireland 2040 and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Northern and Western Regional Assembly (2020-2032).; and

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 *Leinster leader* 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,
D01 NP86

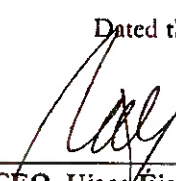
and

- (ii) Kildare County Council,

Áras Chill Dara
Devoy Park
Naas
Co Kildare
W91 X77F

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.

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