



The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Newtown Road,
Carricklawn,
Wexford
Y35 AP90
17th August 2026

Re: Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Regional Bioresource Centre

Application under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) by Uisce Éireann, formerly known as Irish Water for the approval by An Coimisiún Pleanála for a period of 10 years for development off Dock Road, Ballykeeffe, Corcanree and Courtbrack (townlands), Limerick. The development comprises upgrades to Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) and Corcanree Pumping Station (PS) which include an increase in the capacity of the existing WwTP, the provision of additional stormwater storage capacity at Corcanree PS and the upgrading of the existing Limerick Sludge Hub to a Regional Bioresource Centre (RBC). The proposed upgrades to the Corcanree PS include a new stormwater storage tank and return pumping station, tank cleaning system, overflow screen, and upgrades to stormwater and foul pumping infrastructure. The proposed upgrades to the Limerick WwTP consist of the construction of a new second parallel biological process stream which includes: new Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS), influent buffer, sludge buffer and discharge tanks; new inlet works incorporating screens, grit traps, grit classifiers, air blowers, and odour control equipment; chemical dosing tank; transformer; Motor Control Centres (MCC) kiosks; upgrades to the existing final effluent pumps; and associated rising main and gravity outfall pipework connections and diversions. The proposed upgrading of the existing Limerick Sludge Hub to a Regional Bioresource Centre comprises of the following: reuse of existing primary sludge tanks for sludge imports; new sludge reception building and pipe bridge structure; MCC kiosk; new pre-Thermal Hydrolysis Plant (THP) silo; repurposing of the existing sludge building as a THP building to include the installation of THP unit(s) and ancillary equipment; sludge screening platform and skips (covered); repurposing of the existing pre-digester sludge tanks to pre-THP blending tanks; increasing height of the existing post-digester sludge tanks and new tank covers; new thickened sludge storage tank and cover; Combined Heat and Power (CHP) unit and associated plant; new anaerobic digester tank and biogas membrane cover; gas bell storage; new sludge dewatering building with thickeners, polymer dosing and biosolids dewatering installations; silo storage for biosolids cake export; an upgraded wash water system; Liquor Treatment Process (LTP) tank and LTP buffer tank; transformer; and replacement of existing thermal oxidiser with new odour control equipment. The proposed development also includes site lighting (both task and internal access road lighting); landscaping; surface water drainage measures to include Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), internal roads, parking and hardstanding areas and all associated and ancillary site development works including excavation works above and below ground. The project will be constructed in the Limerick City and Environs Agglomeration area licenced under the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) (WWDA) Regulations 2007 (Licence D0013-01). This application relates to a proposed development which requires a review of the existing WWDA Licence. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of Uisce Éireann who are applying to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the above referenced proposed development.



Following pre-application consultations under Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) we have been directed by An Coimisiún Pleanála that you should be notified of the application in advance of lodgement.

You have informed us that your preferred method of receipt is a link to the project website. Details of the proposed application are available to view at the following website:

<http://www.limerickwwtp.ie>

If you require any further copies of the application, please contact us.

Please note that An Coimisiún Pleanála, following consideration of the application can decide to:

- a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- (iii) grant permission/approval 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

- b) refuse to grant the permission/approval.

Submissions and observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01V902, or online at www.pleanala.ie. during the period of seven weeks commencing 27th August 2026 relating to:

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 15th October 2026. Such submissions / observations must also include the following information:

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

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Judge
Director, Water
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