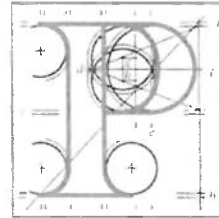


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Environmental Protection Agency
EIA Planning
Water, Energy & Business Support Programme
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Y35 W821

Date: 16 October 2026

Re: Proposed Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Regional Bioresource Centre
off Dock Road, Ballykeeffe, Corkanree and Courtbrack (townlands), Limerick

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/324584>

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,

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An Coimisiún Pleanála Case reference: PA91.324584
Re: Planning Application under Section 37E (Strategic Infrastructure Development) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Regional Bioresource Centre, off Dock Road, Ballykeeffe, Corkanree and Courtbrack (townlands), Limerick

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to correspondence received by the Agency from consultants on behalf of Uisce Éireann on 17 Aug 2026 regarding the Section 37E planning 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 as amended (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.: D0013-01) held by Uisce Éireann issued on 13 August 2009 for the waste water discharges from the waste water works serving Limerick City and Environs agglomeration. 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 130,000. We note that the planning application, which includes an upgrade of the waste water treatment plant and network is for a design population equivalent 285,000. 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.

The project has been designated by Government as critical infrastructure under the Critical Infrastructure Act 2026.

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 D0013-01. If An Coimisiún Pleanála 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 for review of licence D0013-01 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 Sincerely,
Marian Doyle

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Subject: Notification of Application: Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Regional Bioresource Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of Uisce Éireann, who are applying for a 10-year planning permission for upgrades to Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant and Corcanree Pumping Station, including provision of a new Regional Bioresource Centre at lands off Dock Road, Ballykeeffe, Corkanree and Courtbrack (townlands), Limerick. This project meets the definition of Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). We wish to confirm Uisce Éireann's intention to submit this application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. A full copy of the application can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.limerickwwtp.ie>

We have also issued a digital copy on USB with the enclosed letter for your records.

If you have any questions or require any further copies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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Environmental Protection Agency,
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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 and provided with a copy of the application in question.

We enclose 1 no. digital copy on USB with this letter for your records. If you require any further copies, please do not hesitate to contact us. Details of the proposed application are also available to view at the following website:

<http://www.limerickwwtp.ie>

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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