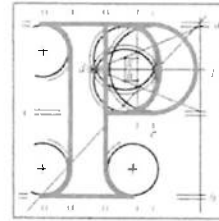


Our Case Number: ACP-324584-26



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
Menapia House
Drinagh Business Park
Co. Wexford
Y35RF29

Date: 08 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.

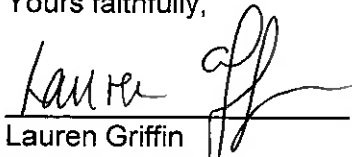
The Commission will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

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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From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Thursday 8 October 2026 09:24
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Subject: ACP-324584-26 - Proposed Limerick Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Regional Bioresource Centre

A Chara,

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your email; official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,
Lauren

From: MARA Consultation <consultation@mara.gov.ie>
Sent: 07 October 2026 4:06 PM
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Subject: Ref: PC91.323900

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Good Afternoon,

I refer to the above and attach herewith submission on behalf of The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

I would be obliged if you could acknowledge receipt of same.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer.

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Date: 30th of September 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála Case Reference: ACP-323900-25

Applicant: Uisce Éireann.

Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development pursuant to Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for 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) for lands located off Dock Road, Ballykeeffe, Corkanree and Courtbrack (townlands), Limerick.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We acknowledge receipt of your notice received by MARA on the 21st of August 2026, in relation to the above planning application for a development period of 10 years for lands located off Dock Road, Ballykeeffe, Corkanree and Courtbrack (townlands), Limerick.

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) welcomes the opportunity to submit our views on the planning application at this stage of the process. MARA is a prescribed body by virtue of Section 279A of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the purposes of Part XXI, and as set out in Schedule 1 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations, 2023.

MARA's functions extend to the entire maritime area, from high water of ordinary tides to the outer limit of the continental shelf, encompassing the State's territorial seas and Exclusive Economic Zone. The High Water Mark (HWM) is defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor (CBS). A digitised representation of the HWM is available here; [High Water Mark -Ungeneralised 2026](#) but is subject to confirmation from the original source. Our comments relate only to development within the maritime area. Furthermore, our comments should not be interpreted as inferring any aspect of assessment of the planning application.

Requirement for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

The proposed development is located at two sites: the Limerick (Bunlicky) WwTP Site (c. 9.18 ha) and the Corcanree Pumping Station (PS) Site (c. 2.16 ha), both approximately 3km west of

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Limerick City Centre, in the townlands of Ballykeeffe, Corkanree and Courtbrack. MARA have considered the spatial extent of the proposed site area and note that it does not extend into the Maritime Area. Accordingly, it is considered that the proposed development does not encroach into the maritime area as defined under Section 3 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (the Map Act) and consequently, noting the requirements of Section 281(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) there is no requirement for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) in this instance.

Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)

The MAP Act requires MARA to licence marine usage activities as specified in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act, (not being a maritime usage which requires development permission).

Of note MARA currently has a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application on hand (Reference number; MUL260020) on behalf of Limerick City Council for site investigations to the design and progress delivery of Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme. The licence application is for a period of five years. Pursuant to section 117(3) of the MAP Act, Additional Information was sought by MARA on the 21/09/2026. MARA will then, as soon as practicable, either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

The following Foreshore Licence's located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site are also worth noting and may be of relevance for An Coimisiún Pleanála's cumulative assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed development.

- Reference number; FS004855 was granted to Limerick City Council for a pipeline across Ballincurra Creek as part of works required in connection with Limerick Main Drainage Scheme & Limerick City Navigation Scheme commencing on the 31/12/2000 for a period of 35 years until 30/12/2035.
- Reference number; FS004861 was granted to Limerick County Council for the laying, using and maintaining an outfall sewage pipe for the discharge of effluent commencing on the 20/09/1976 for a period of 99 years until 19/09/2075.
- Reference number; FS003941 was granted to Francis Spaight and Sons Ltd for a watermain at Corknaree commencing on the 14/07/1963 for a period of 99 years.
- Reference number; FS004850 was granted to Limerick City Council for the use and maintenance of sluice through embankment of River Shannon commencing on the 24/09/1961 for a period of 99 years until 23/09/2060.
- Reference number; FS006975 was granted to the Port/Harbour Authority for Maintenance Dredging commencing on the 29/05/2023 for a period of 8 years until 28/05/2031.

These MARA applications and licences may need to be considered in An Coimisiún Pleanála's assessment of cumulative impacts on the marine environment in the environmental impact

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assessment report and natura impact assessment. The links below provide full access to the full suite of licences and consents

Details of MAC and MUL applications can be found here;

[Applications & Determinations - MARA - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority](#)

Foreshore Consents can be found at the links below;

[Extant Foreshore Consents - MARA - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority.](#)

[Search Foreshore Notices.](#)

Further advice and guidance on any of the above can be found on MARA's website;

[MARA - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority.](#)

The making of submissions or observations by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority under this section shall not prejudice the performance by it of any of its other functions.

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned in the MUL and Planning Advisory Directorate of MARA directly. I would be grateful if receipt of this correspondence, could be formally acknowledged by email to the following consultation@mara.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,



Niamh Lennon

Senior Marine Planning Advisor

MUL and Planning Advisory Directorate

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