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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Dear Sir/Madam

30th October 2026

RE: Planning Application under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for Strategic Infrastructure Development for a period of 10 years for development at Ballina, County Mayo and Lough Talt, County Sligo.

Proposed Ballina and Lough Talt Water Supply Upgrade

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, please find enclosed 1no. hard copies and 2no. electronic copies of a planning application submitted under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, for the development of the proposed Ballina and Lough Talt Water Supply Upgrade at Wherrew, Lisglennon, Carralavin, Bonniconlon, Drumsheen, and Belleek Castle Hotel/Belleek Woods, Ballina, Co. Mayo; Gortersluin, Co Sligo; Lough Conn, Co. Mayo and Lough Talt, Co. Sligo, herein referred to as the 'Proposed Development'.

The Proposed Development site, c. 45ha in area, is located in the following townlands: Co. Mayo: Wherrew, Lisglennon, Ballinteean, Rathglass East, Derreens, Broadlands Or Knockafarson, Coonealmore, Rosserk, Coonealcauraun, Rathroeen, Culleens, Laghtadawannagh, Farrannoo, Garrankeel, Quignamanger, Quignalegan, Rathmeel, Quignashee, Ballyholan, Behy More, Corimla South, Carrownlabaun, Bunnyconnellan West, and Bunnyconnellan East; and Co. Sligo: Drumsheen, Knockasliggaun, Glennawoo, Largan, and Gortersluin. The permission being sought is a 10-year planning permission.

The Proposed Development is needed:

- to provide a safe and reliable water supply to Ballina and surrounding areas, while also supporting future growth and development in the area. The Proposed Development will benefit c. 36,400 people, ensuring a reliable and sustainable water supply for Ballina, Bonniconlon, and surrounding areas as well as allowing for future social economic growth in the region.
- to upgrade Ballina town's existing critical aging trunk main, which will be replaced to improve the reliability of water supply.
- to provide for treatment capacity, storage and pumping between Lisglennon and Lough Talt and provision of supply network that will enable the existing Lough Talt RWSS to be supplied from the Ballina WRZ.
- to provide a long-term safe supply of drinking water for the existing Lough Talt RWSS.
- to cease abstraction at Lough Talt currently supplying Lough Talt RWSS in order to protect Lough Talt and associated dependent habitat and species from further environmental impact.
- to provide for treatment capacity, provision of storage and upgraded treated water conveyance to the existing water network in Ballina, Co. Mayo in accordance with future demand to 2044 projections.
- to upgrade water storage facilities with the construction of new water storage tanks to prepare for future increases in water supply demand that exceed the capacity of the Easkey RWSS from Lough Easkey, and to invest in water services infrastructure to support sustainable management of water.

In summary, the proposed development, subject to detailed design, will consist of seven "key locations" and five discrete sections of pipeline, as follows:

- Upgrade to the existing Wherrew Raw Water Intake & Pumping Station (RWI&PS), Wherrew, Ballina, Co. Mayo;
- Upgrade to the existing Lisglennon Raw Water Storage and Pumping Station (RWS&PS), Lisglennon, Ballina, Co. Mayo;
- Proposed Pipeline A – Lisglennon Raw Water Pumping Station to Lisglennon Water Treatment Plant (WTP);
- Upgrade to the existing Lisglennon WTP, Lisglennon, Ballina, Co. Mayo;
- Proposed Pipeline B – Lisglennon WTP to Existing River Moy Crossing;
- Proposed Pipeline C – Existing River Moy Crossing to Bonniconlon Booster Pumping Station (BPS);
- Proposed Pipeline D – Bonniconlon BPS to Windy Gap Break Pressure Tank (BPT);
- Proposed Pipeline E – Windy Gap BPT to Lough Talt WTP;
- Proposed Bonniconlon Booster Pumping Station (BPS) located at Carralavin, Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co. Mayo;

- Proposed Windy Gap BPT located at Drumsheen, Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co. Mayo;
- Repurposing the existing Lough Talt Water WTP, Co. Sligo;
- Proposed Treated Water Reservoir at the existing Bonniconlon Reservoir site, Ballina, Co. Mayo; and,
- All permanent and temporary works, including construction compounds, access routes, pipeline corridors, and trenchless crossings.

The nature, extent and location of the proposed development is fully described in the application plans and particulars.

The proposed development consists of work within the curtilage of Belleek Castle Hotel (Protected Structure, RPS 2).

The proposed development relates to a project which has an existing EPA water abstraction licence (Lough Conn, Reference No. R00651-02). In accordance with the Water Environment Act (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Act 2022, the regulation of abstractions falls under the remit of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The application will also be accompanied by a Compulsory Purchase Order under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development.

This application is made following completion of pre-application consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). In correspondence dated the 19th June, 2026, the Commission confirmed their formal opinion that the Proposed Development meets the definition of 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' and thus the application is being submitted directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The planning application includes the following:

1. Statutory Documents
    - 1.1 Application Cover Letter (this letter)
    - 1.2 Application Form and Appendix
    - 1.3 Copy of the Site Notice erected on site on 27th October, 2026 in accordance with the locations identified on the Site Location Map
    - 1.4 Copies of the Newspaper Notices, as published in the Irish Times on 28th October, 2026, the Western People on 27th October, 2026 and the Sligo Champion on 28th October, 2026
    - 1.5 Copies of the Letters to Mayo and Sligo County Councils

1.6 A Schedule of the Prescribed Bodies to whom a copy of the application has been sent, as advised by An Coimisiún Pleanála in the SID Determination Letter dated 19th June, 2026, and a copy of the Letters to the Prescribed Bodies
1.7 SID Determination Letter from ACP dated 19th June, 2026
1.8 EIA Portal Confirmation - EIA Portal ID number: 2026163
1.9 Confirmation of payment of the fee of €100,000, paid by EFT on 23rd October, 2026, reference: IE26102309315423

2. Planning Documents
   2.1 SID Planning Report
   2.2 SID Engineering Report
   2.3 SID Planning Drawings in accordance with the enclosed Drawing Schedule

3. Environmental Documents:
   3.1 Environmental Impact Assessment Report
      a. Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary
      b. Volume 2 – EIAR Main Report
      c. Volume 3 – Appendices (including CEMP, RWMP and OWMP)
   3.2 Natura Impact Statement

4. Digital Information:
   a. Shapefile copy (1 no.).

A copy of this application is also available to view on, and download from, the application website https://ballinaandloughtaltwsupgradeproject.ie/

Hard and electronic copies of the submission have been submitted to Mayo County Council and Sligo County Council. Electronic copies have been submitted to the Prescribed Bodies referenced by ACP in the SID Determination letter dated 19th June, 2026.

Public consultation in respect of this application runs for the period commencing on the 20th November, 2026. Any submission / observation must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála no later than 5.30pm on the 18th January, 2027.

We trust that the documentation provided is in order and is sufficient for your consideration of this Proposed Development.

Yours faithfully,



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