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Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment
Tom Johnson House
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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

County Mayo and County Sligo

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, gives notice of its intention to seek permission from An Coimisiún Pleanála 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'.

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.

A copy of this application is enclosed herewith (in electronic format). A copy of this application may also be viewed on, and downloaded from, the application website https://ballinaandloughtaltwsupgradeproject.ie/

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.

- Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;

- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out; and

- The likely significant effect of the proposed development on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Such submissions / observations must also include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,

- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and

- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full

(Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, refers).

Submissions can be made by hand, post, or email to laps@pleanala.ie.

The Coimisiún may make the following type of decision in relation to the application for the proposed development.

(i) grant the permission, or

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

(iii) grant permission 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

refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquires relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100).

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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