



Our ref: MDW0867 Clonaslee Flood Relief Scheme

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An Bord Pleanála,
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RE: PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA UNDER SECTIONS 175 AND 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2025 (AS AMENDED)

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: CLONASLEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Laois County Council (LCC), RPS Group Limited (RPS) hereby submits a planning application for approval to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) under Sections¹ 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Planning Act), and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025, as amended (the Planning Regulations) for the proposed **Clonaslee Flood Relief Scheme**.

The proposed scheme will consist of flood relief works along, adjacent to, and in the vicinity of the Clodiagh River, in the townlands of Brittas, Bunastick, Clonaslee, Ballynakill and Brockagh, in County Laois, within LCC's administrative boundary.

The statutory public notices and the plans and particulars submitted with this application, including a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), provide details of the proposed works.

Planning Application Documentation

We confirm that 2 hard copies and 1 electronic copy of the planning application documentation, including the prepared NIS and EIAR, are hereby submitted to ABP.

For further details of the application documentation, please refer to the enclosed *Schedule of Documentation* that lists all the reports, drawings, and other planning particulars submitted.

¹ Upon consultation with ABP via email, it was confirmed that the planning application is to be made under Sections 175 and 177AE Planning Act.

Public Consultation

The plans and particulars of the application may be inspected during public opening hours (excluding bank holidays) **from 18 June 2025 to 30 July 2025** (both dates inclusive) at the specified places indicated in the statutory public notices.

Full content of the planning application can also be viewed online and downloaded at the following consultation portal of LCC: <https://consult.laois.ie/en/consultation/clonaslee-flood-relief-scheme-submission-bord-pleanala>

The statutory public notices also invite submissions or observations to the Board no later than **17:30 hours on 30 July 2025**.

Schedule of Prescribed Bodies

Pursuant to Sections 175 and 177AE of the Planning Act, and as per provisions set out in Article 121 of the Planning Regulations, we confirm that relevant prescribed bodies have been formally notified of the planning application, including details of the timeline for submissions or observations, and a copy of the application documentation.

A *Schedule of Prescribed Bodies* and copies of the formal notices to each statutory body are enclosed with the planning application documentation.

Prescribed Fee

LCC has paid the appropriate prescribed fee of €30,000 for this application.

We trust that the above information is in order and look forward to receipt of an acknowledgement at your earliest convenience and, subsequently, to an early and favourable response from the Board in respect to the application submitted hereby.

Yours faithfully,
for RPS



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