

## Planning and Development Act 2000 as Amended.

### Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development.

#### Limerick (Limerick City & County Council)

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended) Uisce Éireann, formerly known as Irish Water, gives notice that it proposes to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála for a period of 10 years for development at Dromore, Castletroy, Limerick.

**The development comprises of upgrades to Castletroy Wastewater Treatment Plant to increase the capacity of the existing plant and will consist of increased capacity stormwater and foul pumps in the existing main lift pump station; upgrading of inlet works to include new screens, additional vortex grit removal lane, grit classifier, air blower, discharge skip and odour control equipment; new forward feed pump station; primary filters building and odour control equipment; primary sludge storage tank; stormwater storage tank, storm tank cleaning system, storm overflow screen and storm water return pumping station; flood event pump station including increasing the wall height of the existing final effluent sampling chamber structure; scum removal pumping station; additional chemical dosing tank and ancillary equipment, interconnecting pipework (rising mains and gravity) and valves; internal road area including surface water drainage and attenuation; retrofitting the existing aeration basins with integrated fixed-film activated sludge (IFAS) technology including a media support system and new fine bubble diffused air; retrofitting of existing secondary clarifiers to provide baffles and bridge; replacement of the existing sludge dewatering equipment and provision of 3 no. skip units (covered), with odour control equipment; new picket fence thickener and re-purposing of an existing picket fence thickener to a thickened sludge storage tank; site lighting (both task lighting and road lighting); roof mounted solar panels on primary filters building; landscaping; and all associated site development works including ancillaries and excavation works above and below ground for the proposed works.**

**The project will be constructed in the Castletroy Agglomeration area licenced under the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) (WWDA) Regulations 2007 (Licence D0019-01). 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.**

This application for approval, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours **for a period of seven weeks commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023** at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.
- The offices of Limerick City & County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78.

The application may also be viewed on the following website: [www.water.ie/castletroywwtp-docs](http://www.water.ie/castletroywwtp-docs)

Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, or online at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie), during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks 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 Board **not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

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.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/ approval 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.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of an Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S. I. No.15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Information on cases / Weekly lists - Judicial review of planning decisions on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

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