

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended) **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER **EIA SCREENING DETERMINATION**

Order No: PL/1128/24

Nature of Development: Proposed interim flood relief scheme to pump water from Lough Funshinagh and to discharge the water to the Cross River.

The proposed development includes:

- A floating unit located within Lough Funshinagh, 25 metres from the shore, that will house two hydraulically driven submersible pumps and incorporating a series of removable fish screens;
- A floating pontoon to provide access from the shore to the pump unit;
- A compound adjacent to the shores of the lough which will accommodate two hydraulic power units to provide power for the submersible pumps, and four diesel fuel tanks;
- An overground pipe system from the floating pontoon to the outfall at the Cross River over a distance of 2,450 metres. This will consist of two parallel 300 mm diameter flexible hoses, 2,135 metres long, joined with a manifold to 315 metres of 500 mm diameter rigid pipe;
- Road crossings to duct the flexible pipes under a private access road, on the R362 regional road, and L2013 local road. The crossings will each consist of two parallel 600 mm diameter pipes; and
- An outfall system to control the flow into the Cross River consisting of a flow diffuser and rock armour.

Location of Development: Carrick Townland, County Roscommon.

WHEREAS:

I have considered the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive; Part X of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended); Part 10 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended); the European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1989 (as amended); and

WHEREAS:

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening has been carried out by Ove ARUP and Partners Ireland Limited, on behalf of Roscommon County Council, to determine if EIA is required based on the characteristics of the proposed project and its environment; and

WHEREAS:

I have read and examined the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report prepared by the appointed consultants and generally agree with the conclusion. I have, in addition, taken into account the associated Memorandum prepared by a Senior Executive Planner of Roscommon County Council, wherein it is recommended that the considerations and conclusions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment Screening Report be accepted; and

WHEREAS:

I have concluded following an assessment of the proposed development, that the nature, scale and location of the proposed development is such that there is no real likelihood of significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

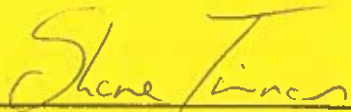
I HEREBY DETERMINE:

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Acts, 1925 – 2024, and the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposed development is not required; and therefore

I HEREBY ORDER:

That this EIA Screening Determination be placed with and form part of the documentation to be submitted to An Bord Pléanala as part of Roscommon County Council's application under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) seeking approval for the subject proposed development.

Signed:



Shane Tiernan,
Chief Executive

Date: 18th September 2024