

MEMORANDUM

TO: Shane Tiernan, Chief Executive
FROM: Brian Farragher, Senior Executive Planner
DATE: 17th September, 2024.
RE: Lough Funshinagh Interim Flood Relief Scheme Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report

I have reviewed the Lough Funshinagh Interim Flood Relief Scheme Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report provided by Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd (Arup). Details of the professional qualifications, competencies and experience of the contributing authors to this Screening Report have been provided in Appendix A of the report. Having regard to this detail provided, it is evident that this EIA Screening Report has been prepared by appropriately qualified professional environmental consultants.

The EIA Screening Report itself provides the requisite level of detail in the description of the proposed scheme, along with a comprehensive assessment of the following phases associated with this scheme:

- Construction details and methodology
- Management and maintenance during the operational phase of this scheme
- Decommissioning proposals

This report also provides a detailed assessment of the likely significant effects arising from the above referenced construction, operational and decommissioning phases of this interim flood relief scheme. The Screening Checklist (Table 6) appropriately determines the likelihood of significant impacts arising, based on the characteristics of the project and its receiving/surrounding environment.

I note that Section 9 sets out other relevant assessments prepared, which have been taken into account as part preparation of the EIA Screening Report. These other assessments relate to legislation associated with the Habitats and Birds Directive, Water Framework Directive, Environmental Noise Directive and Floods Directive.

The report concludes that the nature, scale and location of the proposed scheme is such that there is no likelihood of significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the proposed scheme and as such, EIA is not required for the proposed scheme.

Having regard to the competencies of the contributing authors to the EIA Screening Report and the associated information and assessment presented, it is recommended that Roscommon County Council accept the findings and conclusions of the Lough Funshinagh Interim Flood Relief Scheme EIA Screening Report, as prepared by Arup.



Brian Farragher – Senior Executive Planner

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