

Ref: CO/24821

20th September 2024

An Bord Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01V902

Re: Application for approval by Roscommon County Council as per Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) for the implementation of an interim flood relief scheme from Lough Funshinagh to the Cross River within the townland of Carrick, Co. Roscommon

Dear Sir/Madam,

Roscommon County Council wish to apply for approval under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) to develop an interim flood relief scheme to pump water from Lough Funshinagh and to discharge the water to the Cross River, within the townland of Carrick, in County Roscommon.

The scheme consists of the following:

- 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.
- An outfall system to control the flow into the Cross River consisting of a flow diffuser and rock armour.

The aim of the interim measures is to extract a sufficient volume of water from Lough Funshinagh that will mitigate the possible increase in level prior to developing a permanent scheme and to limit the peak water level to a level that will allow the flood risk to the properties around the lough to be successfully managed. The interim flood relief scheme will be in place for a period of up to 24 months and during this period there will be ongoing monitoring of water levels in Lough Funshinagh and in the Cross River. Further detail on the necessity and purpose of this interim flood relief scheme are outlined in the Appendix to this letter

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

Roscommon County Council has completed an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Assessment and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has determined that an EIAR is not required in respect of this proposed development. The determination and associated Managers order can be viewed on Roscommon County Council website.

Accordingly, we enclose 2 hard copies and 1 electronic copy of the following planning application documentation and drawings for your consideration:

- Newspaper Notice
- Site Notice
- Planning Drawings
- List of prescribed bodies to which notice was sent under Section 177AE(4)(b) and a copy of each notice sent.
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment/Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- Ecological Impact Assessment (ECIA)
- EIA Screening Determination by Roscommon County Council and associated Chief Executives order + EIA Screening Report
- Engineering Report
- Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
- Water Framework Directive Assessment
- Archaeological Impact Assessment

The following Prescribed Bodies have been notified with respect to the proposed planning application under Section 177AE (4)(b) of the Planning and development Act (as Amended):

- Uisce Eireann
- Failte Ireland
- EPA
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- The Arts Council
- Inland Fisheries Ireland

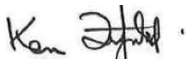
- Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage/NPWS
- Northern Western Regional Assembly
- Department of Environment, Climate & Communications
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine
- Office of Public Works
- HSE
- Waterways Ireland

The public notices state that any submission/observations must be made to the Board not later than 5.30pm on the Monday the 4th of November 2024.

The application can be viewed or downloaded from the following link on Roscommon County Councils website www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/roads/lough-funshinagh/

Should you have any queries in relation to what is set out above or with any of the documentation enclosed please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Fitzgerald
for and behalf of MWP

