

## Site Notice

### **Notice Pursuant to: Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)**

Notice is hereby given that Roscommon County Council intends to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála 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.

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 Report 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.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development. A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development and the Natura Impact Statement will be available for inspection free of charge between **20<sup>th</sup> of September 2024** and **4<sup>th</sup> of November 2024** (Inclusive of both dates) at the following locations

- The consultation website of Roscommon County Council at [www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/roads/lough-funshinagh/](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/roads/lough-funshinagh/)
- Roscommon County Council- Áras an Chontae, Ardnanagh, Roscommon, F42 VR98
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays)

The Natura Impact Statement and the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected free of charge at the locations identified or purchased for a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy).

Any submissions and observations on the proposed development in relation to –

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out,

**may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902.**

**Any submission/observation must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than on or before 5.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.**

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (As Amended). Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications –Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

  
Signed: Greg O'Donnell  
Acting Director of Services

Date of Notice: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

