



Mr. John Curtin,
Director of Flood Risk Management,
Office of Public Works,
Trim,
Co. Meath

14th October 2021

Re: Interim Emergency Flood Relief Works at Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon

Dear Mr. Curtin,

I refer to the above, my previous correspondence and associated developments of which you are acutely aware.

Following the High Court order quashing the CE order to progress the Flood Relief Scheme Works, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to OPW for the abiding assistance provided to date and in the implementation on site of the remediation of the lands in accordance with the plan prepared by Malachy Walsh & Partners in compliance with the Court order.

I have remained committed to identifying an environmentally compliant solution that would provide relief for the community during the coming winter and prevent people leaving their homes. The Council has retained MWP to progress an emergency solution, in light of the Friends of the Irish Environment High Court challenge. Our Consultants have advised the Council on the circumstances where the Council may lawfully carry out development. We now have a new proposed emergency solution as detailed in the attached a/Senior Engineers report. This solution is endorsed by Mr. Shane Tiernan, Director of Services and I attach his memo to me in this regard. I will send by separate cover the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report and Appropriate Assessment Screening Report with regards to the proposed solution, where both assessments are screened out for the Interim Emergency Flood Relief Works.

Unfortunately, as of the date of this letter the situation continuous to remain perilous. The lake remains at 467mm higher than this time last year. I again reiterate that there remains a high level of distress and anxiety in the community.

Having considered this information very carefully, I have made the decision to progress this emergency solution by Chief Executive Order which I also attach for your information.

Accordingly, I am again formally requesting assistance from OPW in the form of labour and equipment resources at your disposal in the delivery of this emergency project.

I again ask that this assistance will be imminently forthcoming as it is imperative that this project is commenced immediately so as to have the solution in readiness should the water threaten roads or properties during this or any future years where a maximum of 2 Million M3 of water will be decanted to Lough Ree to lower the water level and protect homes and public roads.



Again I accept that this is a significant ask and am extremely grateful for the help provided to Roscommon County Council by your office and OPW to date.

I am of course available at all times to discuss this emergency situation.

Yours sincerely,



Eugene Cummins
Chief Executive
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