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Dep John Connolly welcomes proposed upgrading works in Ragoon Water Supply

Dep John Connolly has welcomed confirmation from Uisce Éireann that significant upgrading works are proposed for the water distribution system serving the Letteragh/Circular Rd area to deal with the outages that have frequently interrupted water supplies in the district.

At a meeting with Uisce Éireann to discuss water supplies, Dep Connolly was informed that recent years have seen 36-40 outages in this area. While there were no reported outages from January to September 2025, there have been 3-4 outages over recent weeks.

The Tonabrocky Reservoir has a capacity of 2'000'000 Gallons, and supplies Moycullen, Bearna, Knocknacarra, and much of the West of the City. Any interruption to the water levels at Tonabrocky causes water shortage and low-water pressure particularly in areas where houses are located at height.

Water is pumped via a rising mains from Terryland to Clifton Hill, Dangan, and via a second rising mains from Clifton Hill to Tonabrocky. As a result, interruption to services at Clifton Hill - such as Storm Amy causing a lack of power - impacts on the levels at the Reservoir at Tonabrocky impacting on supply.

Uisce Éireann informed Dep Connolly that it has replaced the rising mains from Terryland to Clifton Hill and a project is due to start to replace the mains from Clifton Hill to Tonabrocky. This will include a section of piping of 1.4KM along Letteragh Road carrying a greater supply of water. Coffey Construction has been awarded the contract and design work. Site and route selection works are already underway.

Uisce Eireann have also advised Deputy Connolly that it will be replacing piping in the distribution network in the area as part of its leak reduction programme.

Dep Connolly understands from Uisce Éireann that where infrastructure must be located through private lands, that work will impact on the time the works take due to the lengthy process of securing wayleaves over private property.

Site investigation works are expected to start on Letteragh Road within the first six months of 2026. There will be significant disruption to traffic and access to Letteragh Road during the mains and distribution network enhancement, which will take a number of months to complete.

The subsequent work, which requires access through private lands, will take between 18 months to two years. During the works, water services will be occasionally interrupted.

“This is extremely welcome news for residents in the Letteragh, Circular Rd area” said Dep Connolly. “The works will see Tonabrocky having greater capacity, allowing the reservoir to refill in a quicker timeframe, reducing the threat of water levels falling. While these works are going to take time to complete, in the medium and long term, water outages and interruptions to supply will be largely a thing of the past.”

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