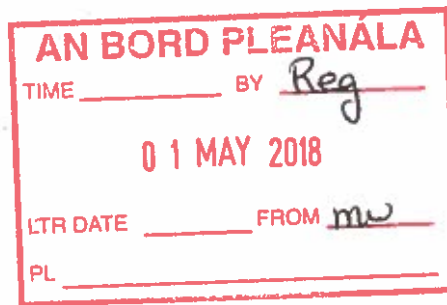


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**Re: Arklow Sewerage Scheme Wastewater Treatment Plant – Ferrybank,  
Arklow, Co. Wicklow**

Dear Mr. Somers,

Further to our recent pre-application meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, we wish to add this letter to the written record of the meeting.

Irish Water would like to clarify aspects of the written record of the last pre-application consultation meeting with An Bord Pleanála in respect of the level of integration of the proposed sewerage scheme and the proposed Arklow Flood Relief Scheme. The minutes as recorded state that *'elements of the integrated scheme include public realm works, flood defence walls and storm water drainage provision'*.

As we have set out previously, Irish Water is progressing the sewerage scheme to provide appropriate treatment and disposal of wastewater for the agglomeration of Arklow, in accordance with relevant legislation and current best practice. Irish Water wishes to progress this long awaited scheme as quickly as possible, subject of course to achieving the necessary statutory consents. As outlined at our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March last, IW intends to submit the statutory consent application in the near future (likely end Q2 2018).

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is responsible for flood relief schemes. Irish Water continues to liaise with the (OPW) to finalise how the design and construction of both projects along the Avoca River can work together and how the two schemes can be integrated. This is being done to ensure that disruption to the town is minimised and the efficient use of public funds.

The planning programme for the Flood Relief scheme is running behind that of the sewerage scheme and consequently the detailed design of the flood relief scheme, particularly with regard to aspects of the public realm, has not progressed to a stage which would allow the level of integration originally anticipated. For example, the design of the public realm works, along the Avoca River, is not yet finalised and therefore this, together with the associated surface water drainage and the flood defence walls, is not envisaged to be included in the Irish Water sewerage scheme application.

Irish Water will, in its consent application, the CPO application and in the associated EIAR and AA documentation, very clearly describe the proposed sewerage scheme and the extent of the proposed integrated works. It is also intended that both applicants would seek 'overlapping consents' for those aspects of the integrated works, as outlined previously by Irish Water during pre-consultation meetings. We will also describe and assess, to the extent possible and with the information available at the time from the flood relief scheme, the reasonable worst case, in terms of potential cumulative and in combination impacts.

Yours Sincerely,



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