

17 October 2024

Attn: Aisling Reilly
Executive Officer
An Bord Pleanála
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Rotunda
Dublin 1
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By hand

ABP Reference: ABP - 312131-21

**RE: Greater Dublin Drainage Project consisting of a new wastewater treatment plant, sludge hub centre, orbital sewer, outfall pipeline and regional biosolids storage facility.
Townlands of Clonsaugh, Dubber and Newtown, County Fingal and Dublin City**

Dear Ms Reilly

We refer to the Board's letter dated 27 September 2024 inviting Uisce Éireann (the Applicant) to respond to the observations received earlier in 2024 by the Board on the Applicant's 2023 Remittal Application.

We also refer to the Board's letter dated 3 October 2024 which clarified that the response should also include any comments on the submissions received by the Board in 2022. The Applicant confirms, in this regard that the 2022 submissions were considered as part of the Addendum to the Application submitted in 2023 as far as possible. However, for completeness, and to ensure that any issues raised which were not relevant to the EIAR addendum or Revised NIS have been addressed, the Applicant has responded to the 2022 submissions as part of this Response.

The **enclosed** Response document therefore comprises the response of the Applicant to the issues raised in the 2022 and 2024 submissions received by the Board.

The Applicant notes the Statutory requirement on the Board to consult with the Environmental Protection Agency (the **EPA**) on the Remittal Application pursuant to Article 6(7) and Article 44 and note that Article 44 of these regulations have recently been amended, such that the relevant parts are as follows.

"(1) Where Regulation 41, 42 or 43 applies, before making a decision in respect of a proposed development, a planning authority or An Bord Pleanála, as the case may be, shall, where the authority concerned or the Board consider that the proposed development may have a significant impact on waste water discharges, request the Agency in writing, within such period (ending not later than 6 weeks from the date of the request) as may be specified in the written request, to make observations in relation to the likely impact of the proposed development on waste water discharges and, where so requested, the Agency shall comply with the request to make such observations.

(2) When making its decision, the planning authority or the Board, as the case may be, shall have regard to the observations received from the Agency.

(3) The making of observations by the Agency under this Regulation shall not prejudice any other function of the Agency under these Regulations."

In essence, Regulations 44 and 6(7) mandate consultation with the EPA in relation to the likely significant impact on wastewater discharges of the Proposed Project. By Article 44(2) the Board, when making its decision, must have regard to the observations received from the EPA. The purpose of that requirement is that the Board's assessment of the application should be informed by the views of the EPA.

Please let us know if and when the Board requires further information or documentation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jillian Bolton".

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