

27 February 2023

Attn: Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Rotunda
Dublin 1
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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.

Dear Ms Reilly,

We refer to your letter in relation to the above application, dated 26 August 2022. Your letter arose from the Order of the High Court remitting the said application to An Bord Pleanála (the Board), and invited the submission of further information pursuant to s. 37F(1)(a) and (c) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended (the PDA).

Uisce Éireann (formerly known as Irish Water)¹ note in particular the request that the updated application be submitted no later than today, 27 February 2023, in the form of 2 hard copies and 1 electronic copy.

Following review of the Board's request and the work involved in responding to it in full, Uisce Éireann are not in a position to submit a comprehensive updating Addendum report, by that date. That work includes responding to the further submissions received by the Board, carrying out additional environmental surveys, and ensuring that the Addendum is consistent with the provisions of the new Fingal County Development Plan. However, we do expect to be in a position to submit it by 30 November 2023. We would be obliged if the Board could confirm its agreement to that revised date and issue an updated request to that effect pursuant to s.37F of the PDA.

The Board should note that the Regional Biosolids Storage Facility (RBSF) which forms part of this application, also formed part of the Ringsend waste water treatment plant Upgrade SID application (Ref. ABP-301798-18) and was granted permission on 24 April 2019.

We await hearing from you both with regards to this submission and the extension sought.

Yours sincerely,



Jillian Bolton (Project Manager - Jacobs Engineering)

¹ In December 2022, the Water Services (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2022 was signed into law. This Act provides that from the 31 December 2022, Irish Water will only be known as Uisce Éireann. It also provides that, from that date, all references in any enactment, legal proceedings or other document to Irish Water shall be construed as references to Uisce Éireann only.