

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



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An
Bord
Pleanála

Chambers Ireland
11 St Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

Date: 16th August 2018

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 Clonshagh, Dubber and Newtown, County Fingal and Dublin City

Dear Sir / Madam

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

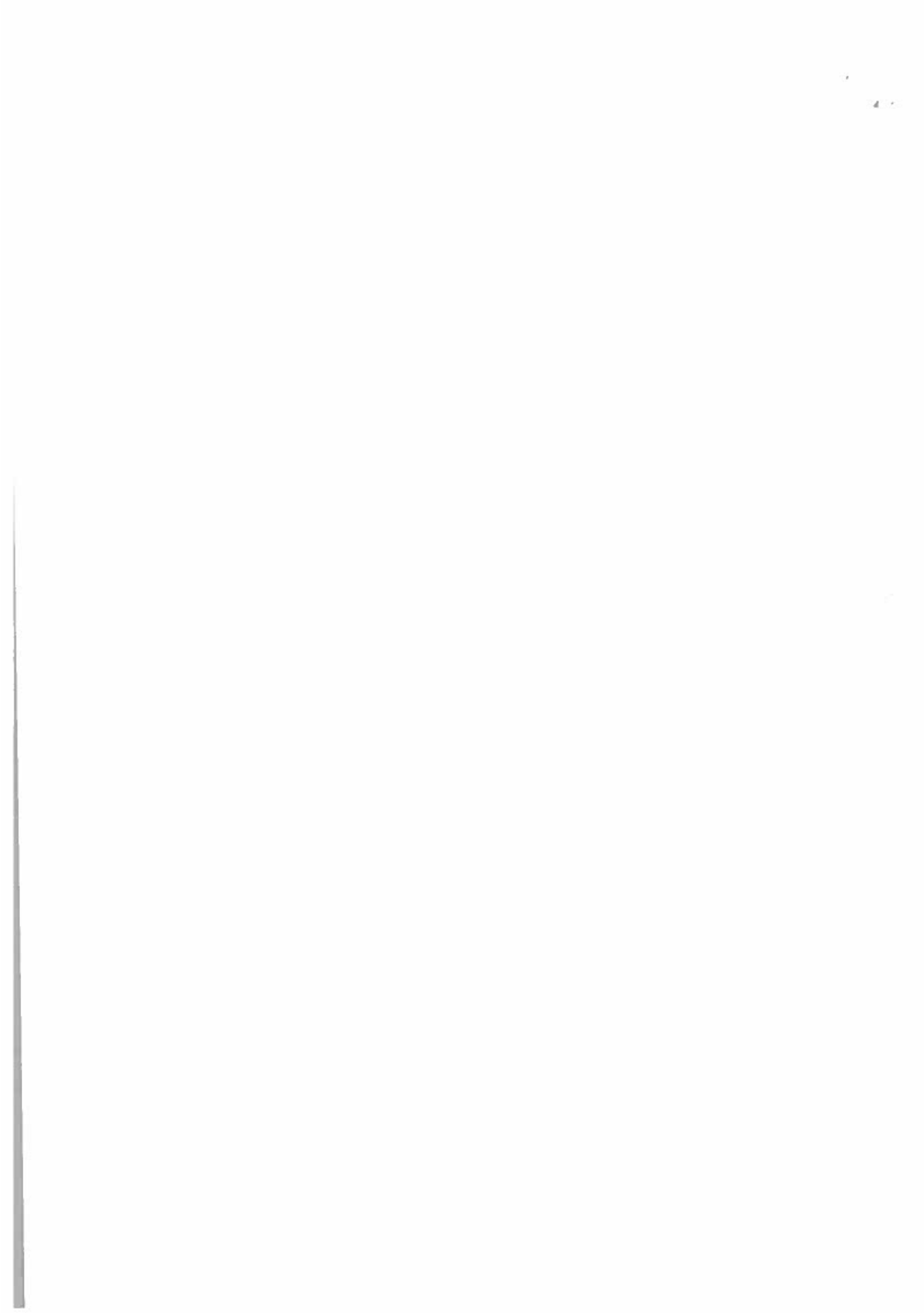
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Chambers Ireland Submission to An Bord Pleanála

Greater Dublin Drainage Project- Planning Number 301908

August 2018

Chambers Ireland is the largest business network in the State. With members in every geographic region and economic sector in Ireland, we are well positioned to understand the concerns of businesses and represent their views.

The stable supply of quality water is a key requirement for Ireland's future economic growth. The provision of water services is not only critical for citizens; strategic investment in water services infrastructure also directly supports the ability of Irish businesses to compete internationally as well as Ireland's own ability to attract new foreign direct investment.

The Greater Dublin Drainage Project

The Greater Dublin Drainage (GDD) is a project to develop a new regional wastewater treatment facility and associated infrastructure to serve north Dublin and parts of the surrounding counties of Kildare and Meath.

A key objective of the GDD Project is to serve the north-west section of the existing Ringsend catchment, and the area to the west of the proposed Waste Water Treatment Works (WwTP) currently served by the North Fringe sewer. The diversion of the load from the 9C sewer (Blanchardstown/Clonee/ Dunboyne/ Ratoath/Ashbourne and Leixlip) and the North Fringe sewer to the GDD Project will reduce the load to the Ringsend WwTP and release critical network capacity to Ringsend to cater for planned growth in Lucan, Clondalkin and Peamount.

Data published by Irish Water shows that by 2024, the expanded Ringsend capacity will no longer meet the projected capacity requirements of the current catchment. Therefore, the GDD Project will represent a significant step in the development and expansion of wastewater infrastructure for Dublin and the surrounding counties. Once operational from 2026, the GDD Project will have the capacity to provide wastewater treatment for the equivalent of half a million people. This increased capacity will cater for the projected increase in population for the Dublin region and will enable economic growth in this region where there is substantial scope for greater housing and industrial developments. Similarly, the City Centre catchment where urban regeneration, the development of brownfield sites and densification is occurring, in areas such as the Docklands Strategic Development Zone, Grangegorman Development and the proposed Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone, will require enhanced capacity for future growth. These developments will be critical in addressing existing and future housing needs. Overall, the projected housing demands for the Dublin region necessitate improved wastewater infrastructure in order to meet future demand.

Water supply is a fundamental requirement for businesses to function properly. Therefore, the pressure on existing water infrastructure must be addressed as a matter of priority. Without a safe and secure water supply for the Dublin region we will not be able to support existing businesses to grow or attract FDI to the area in the future. It is crucial that we take a long-term approach to expanding and improving water infrastructure around the country, particularly in the Dublin and Eastern/Midlands region. As our population and economy grows, so too does the volume of wastewater. The amount of wastewater generated in greater Dublin is projected to increase by over 50% in the period to 2050. And this wastewater must be adequately collected and treated so that it can be safely returned to the environment with minimal impact. The GDD Project is significant to the strategic growth of the Dublin Region, particularly in light of the targets set by the National Planning Framework as seeking to grow the Eastern & Midlands region by an extra 490,000 - 540,000 people by 2040 and to significantly increase the density of Dublin city.

