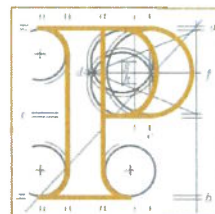


Our Case Number: ABP-312131-21



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Date: 13 March 2025

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,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above mentioned application for permission and to your letters dated 17th January 2025 and 18th February 2025 requesting observations in relation to the above-mentioned application for a Waste Water Discharge licence pursuant to the provisions of section article 21(6) of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007, as amended.

The Board's observations in relation to the above-mentioned application are as follows:

- There is a live planning application under consideration by An Bord Pleanála (reference number: ABP-312131-21) which relates to the Greater Dublin Drainage project, a strategic infrastructure development (SID). This case has been remitted to An Bord Pleanála from the High Court. The original An Bord Pleanála reference number was ABP-301908-18. This is the same development as that before the Environmental Protection Agency under licence application reference number D0553-01 with the exception of the overflows referred to hereunder.
- The Board is aware that the proposed development is a licensable activity.
- The information relating to the EIAR on the EPA's website is the same information as in the EIAR submitted to An Bord Pleanála. An oral hearing was conducted by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development.

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- Significant additional information was received by An Bord Pleanála in October 2023 which included an Addendum to the EIAR and a revised NIS and these correspond with the EPA website.
- With respect to planning history, the following planning applications are relevant:
 - ABP-301908-18 which sought permission for the GDD project. Decision quashed.
 - ABP-312131-21 which seeks permission for the GDD project - ongoing. The Agency will note that the Regional Biosolids Storage Facility (RBSF) which formed part of ABP-301908-18 no longer comprises part of the current planning application. Permission was granted for the RBSF as part of the Ringsend wastewater treatment plant upgrade SID application, ABP-301798-18 refers.
- The proposed development, the subject of ABP-312131-21 comprises:
 - Proposed WwTP to be located on a 29.8-hectare (ha) site in the townland of Clonshagh (Clonshaugh) in Fingal;
 - Sludge Hub Centre (SHC) to be co-located on the same site as the WwTP;
 - Proposed orbital sewer route from Blanchardstown to the proposed WwTP at Clonshagh;
 - Proposed odour control unit (OCU) at the interface between the rising main and gravity sewer elements of the proposed orbital sewer route;
 - Proposed North Fringe Sewer (NFS) diversion sewer to the proposed WwTP;
 - Proposed Abbotstown pumping station to be located in the grounds of the National Sports Campus (NSC);
 - Proposed outfall pipeline route from the proposed WwTP to the outfall point approximately 1km north-east of Ireland's Eye; and
 - The inclusion of ultraviolet (UV) treatment at the proposed wastewater treatment plant (WwTP) in Clonshagh (Clonshaugh); and
 - The extension of the River Mayne Culvert along the proposed access road to the proposed WwTP.

The Agency should note that the WWDL development description is different from the proposed GDD project description as overflows do not form part of the proposed GDD development before the Board.

As part of our process in assessing the application, the Board will be consulting the EPA under the provisions of Regulation 44 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, as amended.

In accordance with Section 171A and Section 172 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010, the Board will carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of the proposed development.

The Agency will be notified of the Board's decision in relation to the application.

A copy of the application is on the applicant's website [www.gddapplication.ie] and a copy of the EIAR, and the EIAR Addendum, can also be viewed on the Board's Website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/312131>.

A copy of the Inspector's Report, the Board Direction and the Board Order in relation to the application will be available on the Board's website (www.pleanala.ie) within 3 working days of the Board's decision.

In addition, the complete file will be made available for inspection and purchase at its offices within 3 working days after the case has been determined.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, 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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