

**Uisce Éireann's Ref:** PN25000034505

**Planning Ref:** Downings Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities

**Planning Authority:** Donegal County Council

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**Development Location:** Crocknamurleog, Na Dúnaibh, County Donegal

**Development Description:** Pursuant to the requirements of Section 177AE(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) notice is hereby give that Donegal County Council proposes to seek approval from An Coimisiún Pleanála for the proposed development Downings Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities. The proposed development will consist of the development of a facility centre for water sports activities and associated works including, safety improvement works to the access lane to Na Dúnaibh beach, wayfinding signage, site drainage, landscaping, carpark realignment, demolition of existing public toilets building, connection to existing utilities, accommodation works and supporting ancillary works. The proposed development is located at Crocknamurleog, Na Dúnaibh, County Donegal.

A Chara,

Uisce Éireann (UÉ) has reviewed the plans and particulars submitted with the application and has the following observations;

The applicant has not included a proposal for a new water / wastewater connection in this planning application. Furthermore, it is anticipated that there will be no adverse impact on any assets or sources belonging to Uisce Éireann.

To ensure adequate provision and protection of water and wastewater facilities, Uisce Éireann recommends the following;

1. Where the applicant seeks a connection to the public network, the applicant shall enter into a connection agreement with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
2. There shall be no build over of public infrastructure from these proposals. Separation distances as per Uisce Éireann's Standards Codes & Practices shall be achieved where public infrastructure is in situ within and/or adjacent to site boundaries\*.
3. The development shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s) and/or abstraction infrastructure\*\*.

4. The design and construction of the Water & Wastewater pipes and related infrastructure to be installed in this Development shall comply with the Uisce Éireann Connections and Developer Services Standard Details and Codes of Practice.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to [planning@water.ie](mailto:planning@water.ie)

Yours sincerely,



**Dermot Phelan**  
**Connections and Developer Services**

**Advisory Note(s):**

\*Uisce Éireann does not permit build over of its assets. Separation distances from public infrastructure, as per Uisce Éireann's Standards Codes and Practices must be achieved. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a diversion enquiry to Uisce Éireann Diversions Section ([diversions@water.ie](mailto:diversions@water.ie)) prior to construction, where a potential build over of public assets is in question and/or where the applicants proposals cannot achieve separation distances from public infrastructure as per UÉ Standards & Codes of Practice.

\*\* Protection of drinking water source(s) from potentially adverse impacts is a priority for Uisce Éireann. It is Uisce Éireann's current policy to maintain safe and secure drinking water supplies and ensure that development will not give rise to any deterioration in water quality. Development proposals shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s). It is also a requirement of the Water Framework Directive that waters used for the abstraction of drinking water are protected to avoid deterioration in quality. Development proposals shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s).

Any person discharging trade effluent\*\* to a sewer, must have a Trade Effluent License issued pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended). More information and an application form for a Trade Effluent License can be found at the following link: <https://www.water.ie/business/trade-effluent/about/> . Trade effluent is defined in the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended).

Uisce Éireann does not permit surface waters into the public sewer network.