To: The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

RE: Appeal against a Section 5 Declaration – Sligo County Council Ref: ED 628/FL/CP
Location: Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Killaspugbrone Looped Trail, Co. Sligo.
Appellant: Áine Nic Amhlaidh.

Dear Secretary,

I wish to lodge a formal appeal under **Section 5(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)** against the decision of Sligo County Council to declare that the physical expansion of the Strandhill WWTP and the intensification of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail constitute "exempted development."

The appellant contends that the Planning Authority has fundamentally erred in law. This appeal is grounded in the following core legal and scientific arguments:

- **Mandatory Loss of Exemption (Section 4(4)):** Under Section 4(4) of the Act, development is not "exempted" if an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is required (p. 1). The current works deviate from the strict physical and hydrological constraints established in the **2013 Habitats Directive Screening**, thereby triggering a mandatory Stage 2 AA (pp. 1, 12).
- **Breach of 2013 Screening Constraints:** The 2013 Screening was predicated on the WWTP **not exceeding its existing footprint** (pp. 1, 12). On-site evidence proves the 2021 expansion violates this constraint, encroaching directly into the habitat of the **Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail (*Vertigo angustior*)** (pp. 7, 12).
- **Hydrological Sensitivity:** As documented by **Moorkens (2013)**, the site possesses extreme hydrological sensitivity (pp. 1, 12). Any unassessed excavation poses a "likely significant effect" on protected species, necessitating a **Natura Impact Statement (NIS)** (pp. 12-13).
- **Reliance on Obsolete Data vs. 2025 Baseline:** The Council has ignored its own **2025 Public Realm AA Screening (LUC, Feb 2025)**, which acknowledges "extreme human-induced pressure" from **500,000+ annual visitors** (pp. 2, 4-5). Relying on a 2013 screening for a 2025 reality violates the **Waddenzee (C-127/02)** "Best Scientific Knowledge" standard (pp. 3, 5).
- **Improper Mitigation (People Over Wind C-323/17):** The Council has improperly used mitigation measures (fencing, signage) to bypass a full AA at the screening stage, a practice explicitly prohibited by the CJEU (pp. 11-12).

Enclosures:

1. Complete Grounds of Appeal (22 Sections).
2. The prescribed appeal fee of **€220**.
3. Copy of Sligo County Council's Section 5 Declaration (ED 628/FL/CP).

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I request that the Board conduct a **de novo review** of this case and declare that the works are "Development" and **"Not Exempted Development"** due to the requirement for a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

Yours faithfully,



Áine Nic Amhlaidh
Date: March 26, 2026

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Appellant: Áine Nic Amhlaidh
Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Subject: Appeal against a Section 5 Declaration, ref: **ED 628/FL/CP** regarding the Strandhill WWTP and Killaspugbrone Looped Trail.

1. Introduction & Purpose of Appeal

I wish to appeal the decision of Sligo County Council which declared that the physical expansion of the Strandhill WWTP and the intensification of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail constitute "exempted development."

It is the appellant's contention that the Planning Authority has erred in law. Under Section 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the exemption status is de-coupled where an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is required. The Council has failed to acknowledge that the current scale of development/operation triggers a mandatory Stage 2 AA (Natura Impact Statement).

2. Ground 1: Loss of Exemption under Section 4(4) Breach of Defined Environmental Constraints & Hydrological Sensitivity

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority has disregarded the specific physical and scientific constraints established in its own 2013 Habitats Directive Screening Report (Variation No. 1, Strandhill Mini-Plan), rendering the current "Exempted Development" status legally void.

Violation of the "Footprint Constraint" (2013 Screening):
The 2013 Screening Report for the Strandhill Mini-Plan (and associated WWTP upgrades) was predicated on a fundamental environmental "avoidance measure." The report explicitly stipulated that any development at the WWTP site must not exceed the footprint (width or depth) of the existing plant.

- The Breach: On-site evidence and recent works confirm the 2021/2022 expansion has exceeded these 2013 dimensions.
- Legal Consequence: Because the 2013 "No Significant Effect" conclusion was legally dependent on this strict footprint limit, any deviation constitutes a material change that triggers a mandatory Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (AA).

Disregard for Specialist Hydrological Evidence (Moorkens, 2013):
The Council has failed to account for the site-specific sensitivity of the Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail (*Vertigo angustior*), as documented by Moorkens (2013) in the assessment for the Killaspugbrone dunes.

- Hydrological Vulnerability: Moorkens (2013) identified that this species relies on precise groundwater seepage and moisture gradients.
- The Impact: Any excavation or expansion beyond the 2013 footprint (including the current intensification of the looped trail) risks altering the sub-surface hydrology of the dune system.

- Scientific Doubt: Under the Precautionary Principle and Waddenzee (C-127/02), the "mere possibility" of a hydrological shift impacting an Annex II species necessitates a full Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The Council's reliance on an obsolete 2013 screening to bypass this is a manifest error in law.

Inconsistency with 2025 Public Realm Data:
The Planning Authority is currently attempting to "Screen Out" the WWTP expansion using 2013 data while simultaneously "Screening In" management measures for the 500,000+ visitors identified in the 2025 Public Realm AA Screening (LUC, Feb 2025).

- The Conflict: The 2025 report confirms a baseline of "extreme human-induced pressure." It is scientifically irrational to claim that the WWTP—which processes the waste from these 500,000 visitors—can be assessed using 2013 "local-scale" data.
- Legal implication: The "In-Combination" effect of the WWTP failures (documented by EPA Report SV27364) and the massive surge in trail users (documented in the 2025 Public Realm Report) creates a cumulative impact that has never been assessed. Therefore, the development cannot be classed as "Exempted."

3. Ground 2: Physical Deviation from 2007 Part 8 Footprint

The Planning Authority has treated the 2021 upgrades as "maintenance" or "minor works."

- Evidence: The 2021 footprint extends beyond the 2007 permitted boundaries into the Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC (Site 000627).
- Impact: This encroachment impacts the Annex II *Vertigo angustior* (Snail) habitat. Any physical expansion within an SAC that was not specifically assessed in the original 2007 grant constitutes unauthorised development.

4. Ground 3: Intensification of Use as "Material Change of Use"

The Council has ignored the "intensification" of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail (500,000+ visitors).

- Planning Fact: In Irish planning law, a significant intensification of use (from a local trail to a national-scale tourism hub) constitutes a material change of use, which is "development" under Section 3 of the Act.
- In-Combination Effects: The Council failed to assess the cumulative impact of the National Surf Centre, the WWTP effluent failures, and trail erosion. Under the Habitats Directive, "in-combination" impacts must be assessed. Failure to do so renders the "Exempt" status invalid.

5. Ground 4: Environmental Failure & The Precautionary Principle

The appellant draws the Board's attention to EPA Site Visit Report SV27364 (Nov 2023).

- Documented Failure: The EPA confirms Ammonia (NH_3) breaches caused by "increased loading from the tourism sector."
- The Conflict: Sligo CDP 2024-2030 (Policy P-IU-W-1) requires compliance with EPA licensing. Operating at 97% increased capacity without a finalized EPA license (Ref:

D0163-01) for that specific capacity creates a "regulatory vacuum" that the Planning Authority has failed to address.

Ground 6: Contradiction with 2025 Public Realm AA Screening

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority is operating under two conflicting sets of environmental data for the same geographical area.

- The Conflict: The Council's 2025 Public Realm AA Screening acknowledges the scale of Strandhill as a "unique coastal destination" attracting 500,000+ annual users. This confirms that the baseline for "human-induced pressure" has shifted fundamentally since the 2013 WWTP Screening was conducted.
- The 500,000 Visitor Threshold: By justifying the Public Realm works on the basis of managing these extreme visitor numbers, the Council has formally accepted that this level of activity exists. However, they have simultaneously refused to apply this same "best scientific knowledge" to the Section 5 declaration for the WWTP.
- Legal Error: Under the Waddenzee (C-127/02) standard, an assessment must be based on the best scientific knowledge available at the time of the decision. By relying on a 2013 document while possessing a 2025 document that confirms a massive surge in "pulse loading", the Council has knowingly used obsolete data to maintain an "Exempted Development" status.

Direct Contradiction: Strandhill Public Realm Enhancement (Part 8) project, initiated in February 2025, includes a contemporary Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report that explicitly acknowledges the high volume of visitors to the area.

1. The "In-Combination", The 2025 Public Realm AA *should* have assessed the WWTP failures "in-combination" with the new works. If it didn't, then the Public Realm AA is also flawed; if it did, it would have had to acknowledge the Ammonia failures you've already documented.
2. The Whorl Snail Habitat: The Public Realm report likely mentions the Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail, the WWTP footprint (the 2021 expansion) is sitting directly on the habitat they claim to be protecting in the 2025 report.

Ground 7: Explicit Contradiction with Contemporary Planning Data

Public Realm Screening - The AA Screening Report - LUC - February 2025, prepared by Land Use Consultants (LUC) on behalf of Sligo County Council to support the Strandhill Public Realm Enhancement Part 8 (launched February 27, 2025).

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority has ignored its own most recent scientific baseline for the Strandhill area.

- Evidence of New Baseline: In the AA Screening Report (LUC, Feb 2025) for the *Strandhill Public Realm Enhancement*, the Council acknowledges that the scheme is designed to *"re-address the balance between vehicles and pedestrians for current user levels".*
- The "500,000 Visitor" Fact: This 2025 report and its associated Chief Executive's Report (June 2025) validate the existence of extreme seasonal "pulse loading" and a massive increase in visitors to the area (often cited in regional tourism strategies as exceeding 500,000 annually).
- Logical Inconsistency: It is scientifically impossible for the Council to claim in February 2025 that the area requires a public realm overhaul to manage current high-intensity "user levels," while simultaneously claiming in this Section 5 Declaration that the WWTP is still adequately governed by a 2013 Screening that never accounted for this scale of human-induced pressure.
- Breach of "Best Scientific Knowledge": By choosing to ignore the 2025 baseline in favour of the 2013 data, the Council has failed the "Best Scientific Knowledge" standard required by Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Case C-127/02 (Waddenzee).

  The "People Over Wind": *"The 2013 Screening is legally flawed as it pre-dates C-323/17, which prohibits the use of mitigation measures at the screening stage."*

Ground 8: Contradiction with 2025 Public Realm AA Screening

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority is operating under two conflicting sets of environmental data for the same geographical area.

- The Conflict: The Council's 2025 Public Realm AA Screening acknowledges the scale of Strandhill as a "unique coastal destination" attracting hundreds of thousands of annual users. This confirms that the baseline for "human-induced pressure" has shifted fundamentally since the 2013 WWTP Screening was conducted.
- The 500,000 Visitor Threshold: By justifying the Public Realm works on the basis of managing these extreme visitor numbers, the Council has formally accepted that this level of activity exists. However, they have simultaneously refused to apply this same "best scientific knowledge" to the Section 5 declaration for the WWTP.
- Legal Error: Under the Waddenzee (C-127/02) standard, an assessment must be based on the best scientific knowledge available at the time of the decision. By relying on a 2013 document while possessing a 2025 document that confirms a massive surge in "pulse loading", the Council has knowingly used obsolete data to maintain an "Exempted Development" status.

1. The 2025 Public Realm AA mentions "user levels" or "seasonal surges".
2. The "In-Combination" : The 2025 Public Realm AA *should* have assessed the WWTP failures "in-combination" with the new works. If it didn't, then the Public Realm AA is also flawed; if it did, it would have had to acknowledge the Ammonia failures you've already documented.

3. The Snail Habitat: Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail The WWTP footprint (the 2021 expansion) is sitting directly on the habitat which Sligo County Council claim to be protecting in the 2025 report.

Ground 8.2 Impact on Visual and Cultural Amenity:

As a visual artist and educator deeply embedded in this landscape, I submit that the 'decimation' of this delicate ecosystem is not merely a technical breach but a profound loss of visual and cultural amenity. The Council has failed to assess how the unauthorized physical expansion and trail intensification degrade the 'unique character' of Strandhill, which is a primary asset for both the local community and the 500,000+ visitors they now claim to manage.

Ground 9: Explicit Contradiction with Contemporary Planning Data

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- Evidence of New Baseline: In the AA Screening Report (LUC, Feb 2025) for the *Strandhill Public Realm Enhancement*, the Council acknowledges that the scheme is designed to *"re-address the balance between vehicles and pedestrians for current user levels"*.
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- Inconsistency: It is scientifically impossible for the Council to claim in February 2025 that the area requires a public realm overhaul to manage current high-intensity "user levels," while simultaneously claiming in this Section 5 Declaration that the WWTP is still adequately governed by a 2013 Screening that never accounted for this scale of human-induced pressure.
- Breach of "Best Scientific Knowledge": By choosing to ignore the 2025 baseline in favour of the 2013 data, the Council has failed the "Best Scientific Knowledge" standard required by Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Case C-127/02 (Waddenzee).

The 2025 Public Realm Conflict

- Sligo County Council identified in Feb 2025 (Public Realm AA) that the Strandhill area is under "extreme human-induced pressure
- The Planning Authority is attempting to use 'Schrödinger's Baseline'—claiming the area is overwhelmed by 500,000 visitors to justify new Public Realm spending, while

simultaneously claiming those same 500,000 visitors have no material impact on the WWTP capacity in this Section 5 declaration.

A Decade of Attempting to this to the attention of Authorities

Enclosed is a chronological record of over ten years of communications with Sligo County Council, the EPA, the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC). This dossier documents my repeated efforts to highlight the severe environmental and public health impacts of this facility—warnings that have been validated by recent EPA findings but ignored by the Planning Authority in their current declaration.

Public Health and Commercial Risk

This appeal is grounded in the lived reality of the Strandhill community. The WWTP discharges directly into a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and is located less than 1km from the Coney Island Oyster Farm Furthermore, the discharge point at Killaspug Point, in close proximity to the most popular Strandhill Surf Spot - "Blue Rock" which sits directly opposite a the WWTP exposing recreational users—including my own children—to documented pathogen risks and chemical failures. 4. Public Health & Marine Risk

The discharge point in close proximity to "Blue Rock" (a primary surf zone) and its proximity (<1km) to the Coney Island Oyster Farm creates an unacceptable risk profile. For ten years, the appellant has documented these failures to the Council, EPA, and NPWS. This appeal seeks to end the "Regulatory Vacuum" that allows this plant to operate without contemporary environmental assessment.

Ground 11: Documented Environmental & Public Health Impact

The appellant provides the following specific evidence to prove that the development has "significant effects" on a European Site, thereby stripping it of any exempted status under Section 4(4):

- EPA Confirmed Failures: EPA Site Visit Report SV27333 (Oct 2023) records multiple Ammonia (NH3) breaches, with levels reaching more than five times the legal limit of
- The "Tourism Loading" Admission: During the 2023 inspection, Uisce Éireann representatives formally attributed these failures to "increased loading from the tourism sector". This confirms that the intensification of the Killaspugbrone Trail and wider Strandhill tourism is a direct driver of environmental non-compliance.
- Proximity to Protected Industry: The Sligo County Council Climate Action Plan acknowledges the WWTP's proximity (under 1km) to the

Coney Island Oyster Farm and the exposure of "surfers (bathers)" to pathogens within the SAC.

- Scientific Obsolescence: The Council's Section 5 declaration relies on a 2013 AA Screening that predates the 2021 capacity upgrade and the 2023-2024 evidence of chemical failure. Under the Precautionary Principle, an exemption cannot persist where evidence of actual environmental harm exists.

Ground 12: Direct Encroachment & Precedent (The "Lough Talt" Comparison

The appellant submits that the Physical Development of the Strandhill WWTP (2021) is unauthorised as it violates the specific limiting conditions of its own screening and ignores established legal precedent within the county.

1. Breach of the 2013 AA Screening Mandate

The 2013 AA Screening Report (on which the Council relies) explicitly stated that any upgrade works must not be deeper, wider, or larger than the existing plant footprint.

- The Physical Fact: The 2021 construction is deeper, wider, and larger. It significantly exceeds the 2007/2013 footprint.
- The Habitat Breach: This expanded footprint encroaches directly into the identified habitat of the Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail (*Vertigo angustior*). Under the Habitats Directive, any project resulting in the loss of Annex II habitat cannot be screened out; it requires a Stage 2 NIS and potentially Article 6(4) "IROPI" justification.

3. **The Lough Talt Precedent - The Double Standard**

The Board is requested to note the Lough Talt WWTP Upgrade (Sligo), where development was halted and redirected specifically due to the Council's legal obligation to protect and restore the habitat of the Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail.

- The Contradiction: In the case of Lough Talt, the Council acknowledged that the snail habitat was a "red line" for development.
- The Failure at Strandhill: At Strandhill, the Council has allowed a physical expansion on top of the same protected habitat. By failing to require an AA for Strandhill, the Council is engaging in a deliberate avoidance of environmental law to facilitate tourism-driven development.
- Intentional Avoidance of Appropriate Assessment: The refusal to perform a contemporary AA is a strategic attempt to bypass the Precautionary Principle. If a Stage 2 AA were conducted today, the project would fail the "Adverse Effects" test due to the combined impact of:
- Physical habitat loss (Snail habitat).

- Chemical failure (Ammonia breaches).
- Hydraulic failure (500,000+ visitors "pulse loading").

Ground 13: Obstruction of Environmental Reporting & Regulatory Vacuum

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority and Uisce Éireann have created a reporting vacuum that prevents the accurate monitoring of "significant effects" on the SAC.

- Suppression of Odour Complaints: For years, the appellant has reported noxious odours from the WWTP. Sligo County Council formally instructed the appellant to cease reporting these to the Council and to deal directly with Uisce Éireann.
- The "Eircode Barrier": Uisce Éireann's official online reporting portal requires an Eircode to log a complaint. Because the WWTP discharge point (outfall pipe) at the sea has no Eircode, it is technically impossible for citizens to log formal environmental complaints through the standard digital channel.
- Consequence: This failure to provide a functional reporting mechanism means the "Best Scientific Knowledge" baseline used for the Section 5 declaration is factually incomplete, as it excludes a decade of suppressed public complaints regarding operational failures.

Ground 14: Non-Transparency & FOI Denial (Killaspugbrone Loop)

The appellant has repeatedly sought access to the environmental assessments and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening for the Killaspugbrone Loop Trail via Freedom of Information (FOI) and Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) requests.

- The Denial: Sligo County Council has refused or denied these requests, claiming the records do not exist or are exempt.
- The Planning Implication: If the Council cannot produce a valid AA Screening for a trail now carrying 500,000+ visitors, then the trail's "exempted" status is legally unverified.
- Strategic Avoidance: The refusal to provide these documents, combined with the Lough Talt double standard (where the Council *did* protect the whorl snail), suggests a deliberate attempt to promote residential over zoning and tourism-driven development by withholding evidence of its ecological impact.

Ground 15: Breach of Part 8 Limits & "Future Proofing" without Assessment

The appellant submits that the Director of Services' letter (23rd July 2021) confirms a fundamental breach of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

- The Admission: The Director states that the 2021 constructed plant was built to incorporate a degree of "future proofing" to meet population growth over "the life of several plans."
- The Legal Error: A Part 8 approval (2007) is specific to the project described at that time (4,500 PE). If the Council "future-proofed" the physical build in 2021 to a higher

capacity than what was approved in 2007, they have exceeded their planning permission.

- Capacity vs. Approval: Building for "several plans" ahead without a new Part 8 process or a contemporary Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is a classic case of Project Splitting. The Council has built a larger-capacity asset than they legally assessed in 2007/2013.

Ground 16: Systemic Over-Zoning & Ministerial Intervention

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority has willfully ignored higher-tier planning directives to facilitate unsustainable development in Strandhill.

- The OPR Warning: The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) issued specific warnings to Sligo County Council regarding the over-zoning of residential lands in Strandhill in the *Sligo County Development Plan (CDP) 2024–2030*.
- Ministerial Direction: These warnings resulted in a Draft Ministerial Direction (November 2024) issued by the Minister for Local Government, which sought to overturn the Council's unsustainable zoning decisions.
- The Breach: Elected officials chose to ignore these expert warnings and the Minister's direction to maintain high-density zoning. By doing so, the Council has knowingly created a "loading crisis" for the WWTP that was never assessed in the 2013 AA Screening.

Ground 17: Factually Incorrect "Headroom" & Developer Sewage Systems

The appellant challenges the core "Scientific Baseline" used by the Council to claim the WWTP has sufficient capacity.

- The "Shadow" Loading: Between 2007 and 2021—while the WWTP was failing—numerous housing estates were permitted in Strandhill. Crucially, these estates were built with independent developer-managed sewage systems rather than connecting to the public WWTP.
- False Headroom: The Council's claim that the 2021 upgradeprovides sufficient "headroom" for future growth is factually incorrect. It is based on a calculation that assumes these independent systems will eventually connect, yet it fails to account for the current Ammonia (NH_3) failures caused solely by existing users and "pulse" tourism loading.
- The Legal Consequence: Because the "loading" data used in the Section 5 declaration is fundamentally inaccurate and excludes the "shadow" impact of these unconnected estates, the declaration is scientifically invalid and fails the Waddenzee standard of "best scientific knowledge".

Ground 18:

Evidence of a long-standing failure to address WWTP concerns is found in the attached council minutes from late 2016 and early 2017. My formal request for an inquiry into the

plant's upgrade was tabled three times but remained undiscussed. This persistent lack of engagement by the local authority, as further evidenced by the recent Director of Services letter, underscores a systemic disregard for the environmental and planning risks I have consistently highlighted.

Ground 19: Whorl Snail – This is included in the 2013 AA Screening Report

Dr. Moorkens is the leading expert who famously designed the conservation solution for the Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail (*Vertigo angustior*) at that site.

Context of the Strandhill Report - In 2013, Dr. Moorkens was commissioned to address the Whorl Snail Habitat challenge, leading to several key outputs:

- Conservation Solution: Dr. Moorkens designed a specialized irrigation system for the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) to maintain the precise hydrological conditions the snails require, allowing construction to eventually proceed.
- Revised Planning: Her findings and mitigation strategies were integrated into the revised planning application for the facility, which was eventually granted.
- National Baseline (2011): Prior to the 2013 construction halt, she co-authored the foundational Monitoring and Condition Assessment of Populations of Vertigo angustior in Ireland (Irish Wildlife Manual No. 55), which establishes the national monitoring standards used for the Strandhill site.

Ground 19: Procedural Irregularity and Obstruction of Environmental Information

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority has actively obstructed the gathering of evidence required to challenge this Section 5 Declaration.

- The Missing Record: Upon reopening of the Planning Office in August 2021, I requested the hard copy of the Sligo Development plan which included the 2013 Strandhill Mini Plan. I discovered that Chapter 44 was never incorporated into the Sligo Development and has never been published. This chapter is critical to understanding the historical zoning and environmental constraints of the WWTP site.
- Data Deletion & FOI Denial: The Council has formally denied the appellant further Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, claiming a "limit" has been reached.
- Furthermore, CCTV footage requested to document the appellant's attempt to view the missing files was "mysteriously" deleted or unavailable, this was appealed to the Office of the Ombudsman.
- Legal Breach: Under the Aarhus Convention and S.I. No. 133/2007 (Access to Information on the Environment), the Council has a mandatory duty to make environmental data available. By withholding/losing the 2013 Mini Plan data and

blocking FOI access, the Council has prejudiced the appellant's ability to participate in the planning process.

- Inference of Non-Compliance: The Board is requested to draw an adverse inference from the fact that the Council cannot produce the 2013 baseline data (Published Co. Sligo Development Plan Chapter 44) while simultaneously relying on that same era's "Screening" to grant an exemption.

Ground 20: Contradicting the 2013 Findings

The 2013 Habitats Directive Screening Report explicitly stated that amendments like the trail were "likely to have adverse effects". Proceeding with a "Screening" only (Stage 1) while ignoring these findings is a direct breach of the Precautionary Principle, which requires all "scientific doubt" to be removed before granting consent.

In the **People Over Wind (POW) case**, the CJEU ruled that mitigation measures (like the fencing or signs the Council now uses) cannot be considered during the initial Screening stage to avoid a full AA. If the Council used these measures to justify *not* doing a full AA in 2016, the decision is legally flawed.

Evidence of Environmental Failure, these adverse effects were predicted in 2013 have manifested:

- **Documented Habitat Decline**: The 2025 Draft County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan confirms that **46% of EU-protected habitats** in Sligo are in decline.
- **Accelerated Erosion**: The 2023 Sligo Bay Coastal Erosion Study records retreat of up to **2.0m per year** in areas directly impacted by the trail's increased traffic.
- **Lack of Conservation Objectives**: Ireland recently lost a major European Court of Justice case for failing to implement site-specific conservation measures for its SACs. Your case aligns with this systemic failure to protect the Killaspugbrone dunes.

The **Amendment A-11** was specifically described in the 2013 planning process as the proposal for a **formalized coastal walkway/promenade extension** heading north from the existing promenade towards the Killaspugbrone area.

Evidence of Amendment A-11 as "Coastal Walks"

The following documentation confirms its nature and the Council's specific reasons for excluding it:

- Documentary Proof: The Second Manager's Report (September 2013) explicitly recommended the non-adoption of A-11 because it was identified as a "material alteration" that would likely have "significant effects on the environment".
- The Natura Impact Report (NIR) : The NIR for Proposed Amendments concluded that A-11 (the coastal walkway extension) was "likely to have adverse effects on Natura 2000 sites", specifically the Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC.

- Avoidance of Full AA: To legally adopt the rest of the Strandhill Mini-Plan without undergoing a full Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (AA), the Manager removed A-11. This allowed the Council to issue a Stage 1 Screening Conclusion stating the final plan (minus the trails) would have "negligible effects".

The original A-11 text was removed from the final 2013 plan, however, the Draft Maps from January 2013 show the proposed route: It extended from the end of the existing Promenade (MIX 1 area) and followed the coastline northwards into the Killaspugbrone dune system.

Ground 21: The proposed WWTP development violates legally binding 2013 footprint constraints, necessitating a full Natura Impact Statement (NIS) rather than mere screening.

The 2013 Habitats Directive Screening Report for the Strandhill Mini-Plan (and associated WWTP upgrades) explicitly stipulated that any development at the WWTP site must not exceed the footprint (width or depth) of the existing plant. This constraint was a fundamental "avoidance measure" used to conclude "no significant impact" at the Screening stage.

- Legal Point: By exceeding these dimensions in current works, the Council has invalidated the original Screening conclusion. Under the Precautionary Principle, any deviation from these "non-significant" parameters necessitates a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (AA).

2. Failure to Protect the Narrow-Mouthed Whorl Snail (*Vertigo angustior*):
The site-specific assessment conducted by Moorkens (2013) identified the Killaspugbrone dunes as a critical habitat for the Annex II species *Vertigo angustior*.

- Scientific Doubt: Moorkens highlighted the extreme hydrological sensitivity of the site. The whorl snail relies on a precise "transition zone" of water table levels.
- Impact: Any unassessed excavation or change in the WWTP footprint risks altering the local hydrology (groundwater flow/seepage), which is a "likely significant effect" on a protected species.

3. Improper Use of Mitigation (The *People Over Wind* Breach):
The Council appears to be treating the 2013 constraints or current "protective" fencing as a reason to stay at Stage 1 Screening.

- Per CJEU C-323/17 (People Over Wind), mitigation measures (like strict footprint limits or protective barriers) cannot be used to "screen out" a project. Since the 2013 Screening relied on the *absence* of expansion to avoid a full AA, any expansion now *must* be treated as a project requiring a full Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

4. Evidence of Systemic Failure (Site-Specific Conservation Objectives):
The recent ruling against Ireland in CJEU Case C-444/21 confirmed a failure to establish site-specific conservation measures for SACs.

- In the absence of these legally required measures for the Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC, the Council cannot definitively claim that "minor" changes to the WWTP or trails will not harm the site's integrity.

The site's high hydrological sensitivity, critical for the endangered *Vertigo angustior* snail, presents significant risks that, coupled with improper reliance on mitigation, render the project invalid without a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. The works constitute 'Development' and are not 'Exempted Development' because they require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive, as evidenced by the Council's own 2013 Screening Report and the Moorkens (2013) expert findings.

Ground 22: Systematic Failure in Reporting & Regulatory Compliance

The appellant submits that the Planning Authority has actively suppressed environmental complaint data, leading to a false baseline of the WWTP's performance.

- Non-Disclosure of Odor Complaints: Between [Insert Years, e.g., 2021–2024], the appellant made multiple formal reports to Sligo County Council regarding noxious odors emanating from the Strandhill WWTP.
- Breach of License: Under the EPA Wastewater Discharge License (Ref: D0163-01), the licensee is mandated to record and report all environmental complaints. However, these reports were never forwarded to Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) or the EPA.
- Evidence of Negligence: This failure to report is not a mere administrative oversight; it is indicative of a systemic effort to under-report the plant's failure to meet its environmental standards.
- Prejudicial to Decision-Making: By withholding this "nuisance" data, the Council has misled both the public and the EPA regarding the plant's actual impact on the local community and the Natura 2000 site. The Board cannot rely on a "Screening" that is based on incomplete and suppressed complaint data.

As a teacher and artist, I am trained to look for patterns. The pattern here is one of systematic erasure. When the 2013 Mini Plan is missing its most critical chapter, when CCTV of my visit 'disappears,' and when a citizen is 'capped' on FOI requests for environmental data, it suggests the Planning Authority is not protecting the environment, but protecting a narrative that cannot withstand independent scrutiny.

The Board is requested to conduct a *de novo* review and declare that these works are **not** exempt. The "decimation" of this unique coastal ecosystem cannot continue under the guise of obsolete 2013 screenings.

Mandatory Moratorium on Further Development

The appellant formally requests that An Bord Pleanála impose an immediate moratorium on all new connections to the Strandhill WWTP.

- The Breach of Capacity: The EPA Site Visit Report (SV27364) confirms the plant is failing at current loading levels. To allow further residential or tourism units to

connect to a demonstrably failing system would be a direct violation of Sligo CDP 2024-2030 (Policy P-IU-W-1) and the Precautionary Principle.

- Vested Interest & Overzoning: The Planning Authority has a documented conflict of interest; they are simultaneously the "Developer" of high-budget tourism projects (National Surf Centre/Public Realm) and the "Regulator" of the WWTP. This has led to "overzoning" without the required infrastructure.
- The Legal Mandate: Under the Waddenzee (C-127/02) ruling, where "reasonable scientific doubt" exists as to the absence of adverse effects on a European site, the project cannot proceed. There is no "doubt" here—there is documented failure.
- Conclusion: Until such time as a Stage 2 NIS is completed and a finalized EPA license (Ref: D0163-01) is granted for the actual (not 2013) population equivalent, any further development in Strandhill is unauthorised and environmentally reckless.

Environmental Destruction & Public Safety Risk (The Trail)

The appellant requests an immediate stay on all works of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail pending a full Health & Safety and Environmental Impact Assessment.

- Destruction of Annex I Habitat: Sligo County Council has drained ancient saltmarshes and imported tonnes of loose stone to facilitate this trail. Draining saltmarsh is a direct violation of the Habitats Directive as these areas provide essential coastal protection and biodiversity. This constitutes a "material change" to a protected landscape that requires a mandatory Stage 2 NIS.
- Public Safety Failure (Tidal Inundation): The trail is regularly submerged by up to 2 feet of water during high, neap, and spring tides without adequate warning systems. Promoting a "national-scale" trail (500,000+ users) that becomes a risk during predictable tidal events is a gross failure of the Council's duty of care.
- The "Loose Stone" Hazard: The use of loose stone fill in a tidal zone is scientifically unsound; these materials wash into the SAC during inundation, causing further siltation and damage to the delicate marine ecosystem.
- Demand for Remediation: The appellant demands that the Board orders the restoration of the saltmarsh and a permanent stay on trail "upgrades" until a transparent Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is conducted.

Signed: _____ Date: 26/3/26

Appendix I: Statement of Personal & Material Interest

As a primary school teacher in a DEIS Band 1 disadvantaged school, a visual artist, and a poet and a Nature Based Psychotherapist, I have a deep professional and personal connection to this landscape. My work and daily life are centered on the unique character of this area, which I have observed closely for years.

It is heart-wrenching to witness what I consider the deliberate decimation of this delicate ecosystem. From an aesthetic and environmental perspective, the current level of visitors is over the dunes and saltmarshes is unsustainable, the WWTP odour is constantly unbearably noxious. Moreover, the huge over zoning for residential high density development threatens this incredible unique world heritage site of significant natural beauty and ecological sensitivity that cannot be replaced once lost.

1. **Direct Impact: The "Blue Rock" Surfing Area**

   As a resident of Strandhill and a regular user of the coastal amenities, my family and I are directly impacted by the operational failures of the Strandhill WWTP.

- The "Blue Rock" Site: My children and I surf at 'Blue Rock' and the Strandhill Seafront which both of which are situated in close proximity to the WWTP outfall, 'Blue Rock' is located directly opposite the WWTP, less than 100 m from the plant and less than 50 m from the outfall.
- Documented Risk: The EPA Site Visit Report SV27364 (Nov 2023) confirms Ammonia (NH_3) failures during peak summer months. These chemical failures, combined with "pulse loading" from 500,000+ visitors, mean my children are being exposed to effluent that Uisce Éireann has formally admitted is non-compliant with its license.
- Failure of Notification: Despite over a decade of my correspondence with Sligo County Council and the EPA, there is no real-time notification system to warn surfers when the plant is failing its Emission Limit Values (ELVs). This is a fundamental failure of the Precautionary Principle.

2. **Impact on the Shellfish & Marine Economy**

   The WWTP discharge point is less than 1km from the Coney Island Oyster Farm.

- As a member of this community, I have a material interest in the protection of our local marine economy.
- The Sligo CDP 2024–2030 (Policy P-IU-W-1) mandates the protection of "Designated Shellfish Waters." The Council's decision to declare the plant "exempt" while it is actively failing to protect these waters is a direct contravention of their own development plan.

3. **Impact on the SAC Dune System and the Saltmarshes**

   I have witnessed first-hand the "decimation of the dune systems and the saltmarshes caused by unmanaged visitor intensification on the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail.

- The Council's 2025 Public Realm AA Screening finally admits to 500,000+ visitors, yet this Section 5 declaration ignores the physical erosion and habitat loss occurring daily within the SAC (Site 000627).
- The failure to provide physical mitigation or a contemporary Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for this intensification is an affront to the "Best Scientific Knowledge" standard.

Conclusion

I am not merely a "concerned citizen"; I am a parent whose children swim in these waters, a resident who uses these trails, and an advocate who has spent ten years of my life researching and documenting this catastrophic decimation of this delicate ecosystem to provide the State with the evidence it needs to fix this. To declare this "Exempted Development" is to ignore a decade of documented environmental degradation and public health risk.

Please see declaration request on exempted dev. concluding this submission →

To: Planning Department, Sligo County Council, City Hall, Quay Street, Sligo.
Date: 15/02/2026
Subject: Formal Request for Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
Reference Site: Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Killaspugbrone Looped Trail, Strandhill, Co. Sligo (within Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC - Site Code: 000627).

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, I hereby request a formal declaration as to whether the following activities constitute "development" and/or "exempted development" within the meaning of the Act:

- The **physical expansion** and operation of the Strandhill Waste Water Treatment Plant

(Grid Ref: E160611 N336834) beyond its 2007 permitted footprint.

- The **intensification of use** of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail, currently exceeding 500,000 annual visitors, without contemporary Appropriate Assessment (AA) or physical mitigation.

CONTRAVENTION OF SLIGO CDP 2024–2030

The Sligo County Development Plan 2024–2030 sets out clear mandates for environmental protection that are currently being circumvented:

- **Policy P-BD-2:** Requires the protection and enhancement of habitats identified under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). The failure to protect the **Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail** from WWTP encroachment directly breaches this policy.
- **Policy P-BD-3:** Mandates that the ecological impact of all development be assessed by qualified professionals taking full account of the **Precautionary Principle**. The reliance on a 2013 Stage 1 AA Screening for a 2021 build is scientifically obsolete and fails the "Best Scientific Knowledge" standard (Case C-127/02, Waddenzee).
- **Policy P-NCODS-4:** Requires an Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) for any development likely to have a significant impact on natural habitats. The "pulse" loading from seasonal caravan park residents and major events (e.g., Warriors Run) constitutes such a significant unassessed impact.

3. CORE GROUNDS FOR THE REQUEST

- **Loss of Exemption due to Habitats Directive (Section 4(4)):** Under Irish law, any development that requires an Appropriate Assessment (AA) cannot be considered "exempted development." The EU's Trail Gazer's Project clearly documented habitat degradation at this SAC, proving that an AA is mandatory.
- **Project Splitting & Cumulative Impact:** The Council has failed to conduct a cumulative "in-combination" assessment of the WWTP's failing effluent (EPA License D0163-01) alongside high-intensity tourism (National Surf Centre and Trail). This violates **Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive**.

- **Water Quality & Commercial Risk:** Discharging untreated or failing effluent within 500m of a **Designated Shellfish Water** and a National Surf Centre violates the Urban Waste Water Directive (91/271/EEC) and Sligo CDP Water Infrastructure Policies.

> The Waste Water Treatment plant's inability to protect the SAC is documented in **EPA Site Visit Report SV27364 (Nov 2023)**, which records Ammonia (NH3) failures during peak tourism months. Uisce Éireann has formally admitted that these failures are caused by 'increased loading from the tourism sector.' This confirms that the 2013 AA Screening is invalid, as it failed to account for the real-world 'pulse' loading and the resulting chemical degradation of the SAC.

Under the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 (Chapter 10: Infrastructure), the Council is bound by **Policy P-IU-W-1**, which mandates compliance with EPA licensing to protect receiving waters.

4. Evidence of Unauthorised Operation & Regulatory Vacuum

- **Licensing Failure:** The Strandhill WWTP is currently operating under **EPA License D0163-01**, which remains in a state of "Review" or "Unauthorised" status for the 2021 capacity upgrades. Operating a plant with increased hydraulic loading (97% population surge) without a finalised, contemporary license is a breach of the **Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations**.
- **Emission Limit Values (ELV) Breaches:** EPA monitoring records confirm consistent failures in **Ammonia (NH3)** limits. Under **Section 4(4) of the Planning Act**, any development that degrades a European site cannot be "exempt." These chemical failures constitute direct degradation of the **Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC**.
- **The "Legal Vacuum" Argument:** Since the 2007 Part 8 approval is 17 years old and the 2013 AA Screening is scientifically obsolete (pre-dating *People Over Wind C-323/17*), there is no valid legal "shield" for the current operations.

1. Physical Breach: Development Outside Permitted Footprint

The Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), as constructed/upgraded in 2021, deviates physically from the footprint authorised under the **2007 Part 8 Planning Approval.**

- **Fact:** The current structure encroaches directly onto the **Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC (Site 000627)**, specifically impacting the habitat of the **Annex II Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail** (*Vertigo angustior*).
- **Legal Consequence:** Any deviation from a Part 8 approval requires a new planning process. Under **Article 6(3)** of the Habitats Directive, any expansion within an SAC boundary requires a **Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement)**. A 17-year-old Part 8 does not provide legal cover for a footprint expansion in 2021.

2. The "Scientific Vacuum": Reliance on Obsolete 2013 Screening

The Competent Authority relies on a **Stage 1 AA Screening dated 2013** to justify the 2021 operational capacity.

- **The "Waddenzee" Breach:** The CJEU (Case C-127/02) requires assessments to be based on the "best scientific knowledge in the field." A 2013 screening predates the **97% population surge** in Strandhill and the documented **500,000+ annual visitors** to the Killaspugbrone Trail.
- **The "People Over Wind" (C-323/17) Breach:** The 2013 Screening illegally "screened out" the project by relying on mitigation (treatment efficacy). Current EU law mandates that if mitigation is required, a full Stage 2 AA is compulsory. By failing to perform this, the Council has bypassed the Sligo CDP 2024-2030 Policy P-BD-3.

3. Unauthorised Regulatory Status (EPA License D0163-01)

The plant is currently operating in a regulatory vacuum.

- **Current Status:** The EPA Licensing Portal (Ref: D0163-01) confirms the license for the upgraded capacity is **not finalised/under review**.
- **Environmental Degradation:** The plant is consistently failing **Ammonia (NH3)** emission limits. Under **Section 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000**, the "exempted development" status is **stripped** if the development is likely to have significant effects on a European Site. Ongoing chemical failures within 500m of a **Designated Shellfish Water** and the **National Surf Centre** constitute such effects.

4. Cumulative Impact ("Project Splitting")

The Council has failed to assess the "in-combination" effects of:

1. **The WWTP expansion** (outside the 2007 footprint).
2. **The TrailGazers Pilot Project** (which identifies "significant negative impacts" on dunes).
3. **The National Surf Centre** (introducing high-intensity human exposure to failing effluent). This failure to assess cumulative impact is a direct contravention of **Directive 92/43/EEC** and **Chapter 10 of the Sligo CDP 2024-2030**.

Does the expansion of the WWTP footprint into the SAC, operated under an unfinalised EPA license and based on an obsolete 2013 AA Screening together with the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail constitute development that is not exempt under Section 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000?

Yours faithfully,

Aine Nic Amhlaidh,

Larass, Strandhill, Sligo

Killaspugbrone

Coastal Trail

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Killaspugbrone

Ascent: **30m**
Length: **6.8km**
Waymarking: **Purple Arrows**
Grade: **Moderate**
OSI Map: **25**
Services: **Strandhill**
Terrain: **Beach/Forest Trail/Road**
Duration: **1.5 hours**
Minimum gear: **Sturdy walking boots, raingear**

Please Note that the property traversed on this route is private and access is available by kind permission of the landowners. Note that sections of this walk are adjacent to Sligo Airport and its important to stay on the designated paths. The airport runway, apron and lands are private property and should not be accessed by walkers. 24 hour emergency access is required - stay off the runway, it can save lives. Beware of airplanes in flight, and stay clear of the runway flight path when airplanes are in motion.

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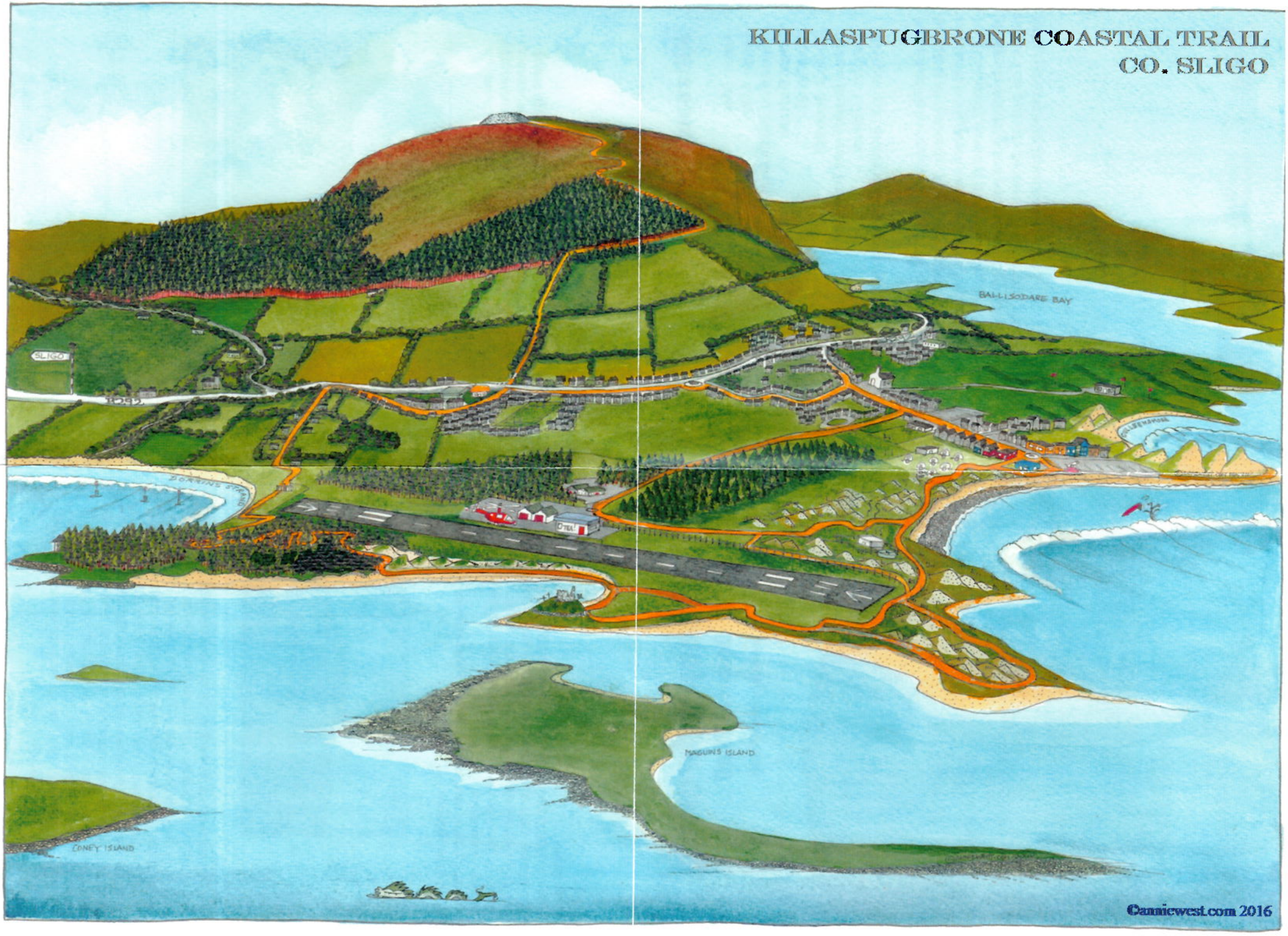
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Description
This is a stunning coastal walk through the North of the dune system in the busy seaside village of Strandhill. The trail brings walkers through a variety of coastal habitats including sand dunes, salt marsh and pine woodland. It passes by Killaspugbrone Church, an early Christian site with historic and legendary associations.
The route features some magnificent views of Benbulben and Knocknarea and out over Sligo Bay.

The Route
From the promenade at the sea-front, the trail leads the walker in a loop along the shore line, past the airport run-way, over to Killaspugbrone and back to the village via Dorrins Strand. There are longer and shorter options along the route – including the 'Via headland' route which takes the walker along the exposed Killaspug point, which is 6.8km in total or the shorter option along the end of the run-way (6.2km in total). Sturdy footwear is recommended for the route around Killaspug Point as some of the trail is over un-even terrain. There is also the option to turn right just before the kissing gate (on the Strandhill side) to return along a shorter option via the airport road (marked airport loop). The trail includes a short ascent of 30m and is suitable for family groups.

Did you know?
Killaspugbrone church was founded by Saint Patrick in the fifth century. According to local folklore, when Saint Patrick visited the site he tripped on rough ground and lost his tooth. The gold relic is now preserved in the National Museum of Ireland. The present ruins dates to the period between 1150 and 1220.


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Mountain Trail

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Description: Knocknarea dominates the skyline of west Sligo and is well known for its huge flat topped cairn which is believed to be the resting place of the legendary Queen Maeve of Connacht. The tomb has been classified as a Neolithic passage tomb and is estimated to be the largest in Ireland outside of the Boyne Valley measuring some 55 meters across and 10 meters in height. A large number of hut sites have also been found. This is a very rewarding climb with spectacular views in all directions, including the Ox Mountains, Lough Gill, and Slieve League in Donegal and on a clear day Croagh Patrick in the west.

The Route: The walk begins at the base of the mountain in the car park. Follow the path from the car park up the hill. The walk gets steeper from the kissing gate and continues up to the cairn, returning by the same route. The terrain is quite steep and rugged as you move closer to the summit. Care is advised when descending from the mountain as it may be slippery underfoot , particularly following wet weather.

Did you know? Queen Maeve of Connacht was the daughter of a former High King of Ireland, King Eochaid. Maeve was a jealous woman: according to legend as a young girl she killed her own sister over a row concerning a man. We are told that Maeve was married many times. In fact some historians believe that Maeve was not a real person at all but a goddess of sovereignty and that in order for a man to become king he had to symbolically marry Maeve the goddess.

Knocknarea

Ascent: **329m**
Length: **2.5km**
Time: **1 Hour**
Grade: **Strenuous!**
Minimum Gear: **Sturdy walking/trekking shoes, phone and fluids**
OSI Map: **Series 25**
Services: **Strandhill**
Terrain: **Mountain trail**
Waymarking: **Red arrows**

Please note: The property traversed by this route is private and access is available by the kind permission of the landowners. **Dogs are not permitted on this walk** due to the presence of grazing sheep and lambs.

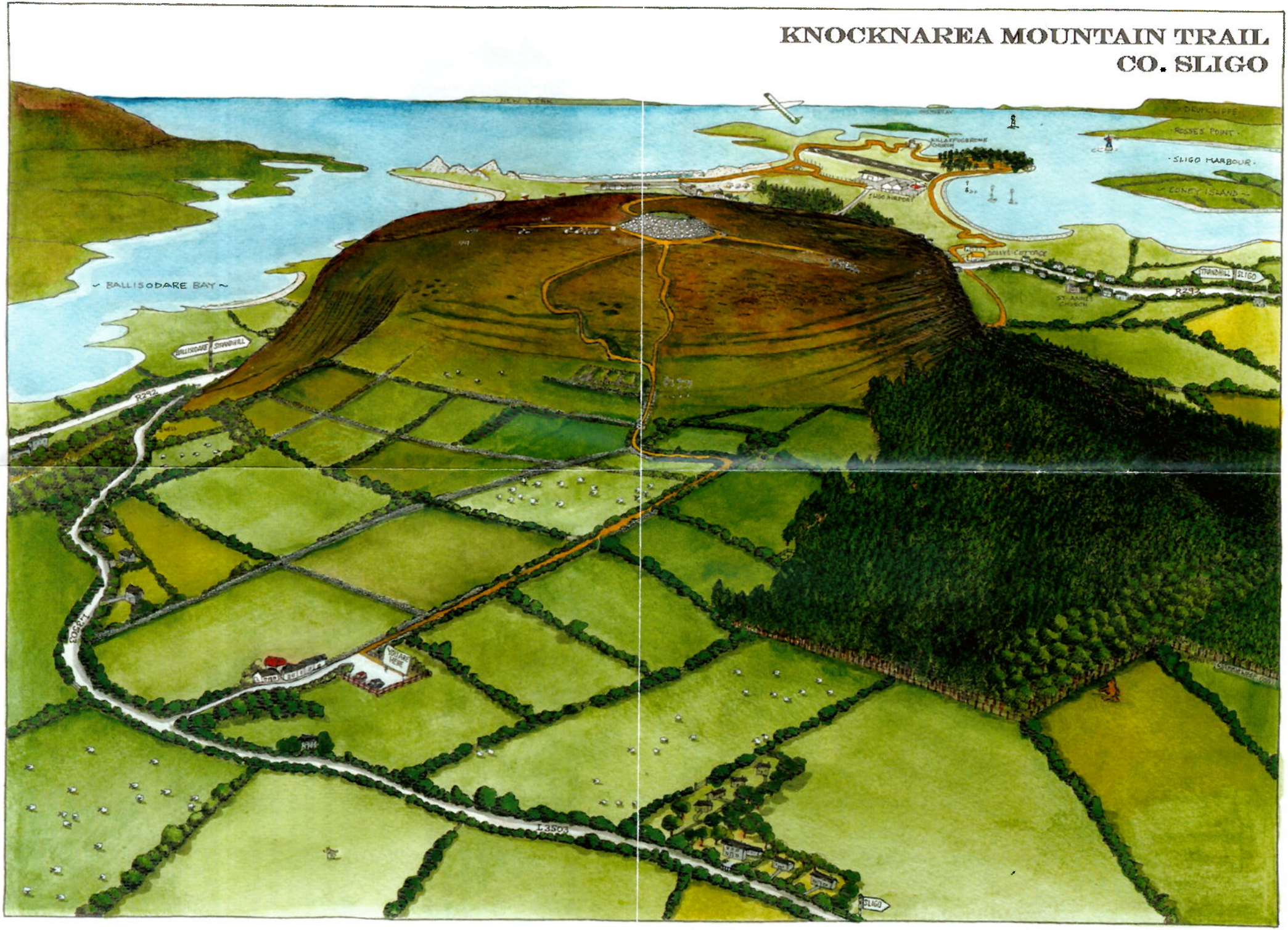
The summit and its surrounds once constituted a sacred burial place to people in this area and should be treated with dignity and respect. **Please do not climb the cairn.**

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The Route: The walk begins at the base of the mountain in the car park at Sligo Rugby Club. Follow the path from the car park up the hill. The walk gets quite steep, includes timber steps and continues up to the cairn. Continue past the cairn, down the path to Knocknarea Carpark and then on around back to start at Strandhill. **Care is advised when descending from the mountain as it may be slippy under foot, particularly following wet weather.**

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Queen Maeve Trail

Ascent: **329m**
Length: **7km**
Time: **3 Hours**
Grade: **Strenuous!**
Minimum Gear: **Sturdy walking/trekking shoes, phone and fluids**
OSI Map: **Series 25**
Services: **Strandhill**
Terrain: **All weather hard surface and timber steps**
Waymarking: **Red arrows**

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Sligo Walks

Directions to the Trailhead

This trail is located in the seaside village of Strandhill located 9km west of Sligo town on the R292. The route starts from the promenade at the sea-front (beside the cannon). Park at the nearby main public car park and walk down to the promenade from there. Alternatively, take the S2 bus across from Sligo Bus Station, which also drops you at the main car park. For timetables click here.

The Trail Map:- OSI Map Series 25

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Killaspugbrone Coastal Walk



Walk Category: Coastal Walk
Walk Grade: Moderate
Walking Terrain: Beach, Forest Trail
Waymarking: Purple Arrows
Trailhead: Strandhill Village
Dogs: Allowed on lead

Length: 6.8km
Ascent: 30m
Time: 2hrs
Suggested Gear: Trainers
Longitude: 54.269680
Latitude: -8.610065


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The Route

From the promenade at the sea-front, turn right along a path which leads through Strandhill Caravan & Camping Park. Keeping towards the shoreline, sandy trails lead through a kissing gate and the end of the runway at Strandhill Airport. From here the trail veers right towards Killaspugbrone Church and on to a beautiful crescent shaped beach. At the end of the beach a red and white marker stands, indicating where the walker should turn right, through some woodland and on to the estuary at Dorrins Strand. The stone path leads to a road, which makes its way uphill and into the village. From here, keep right and you return to the seafront.

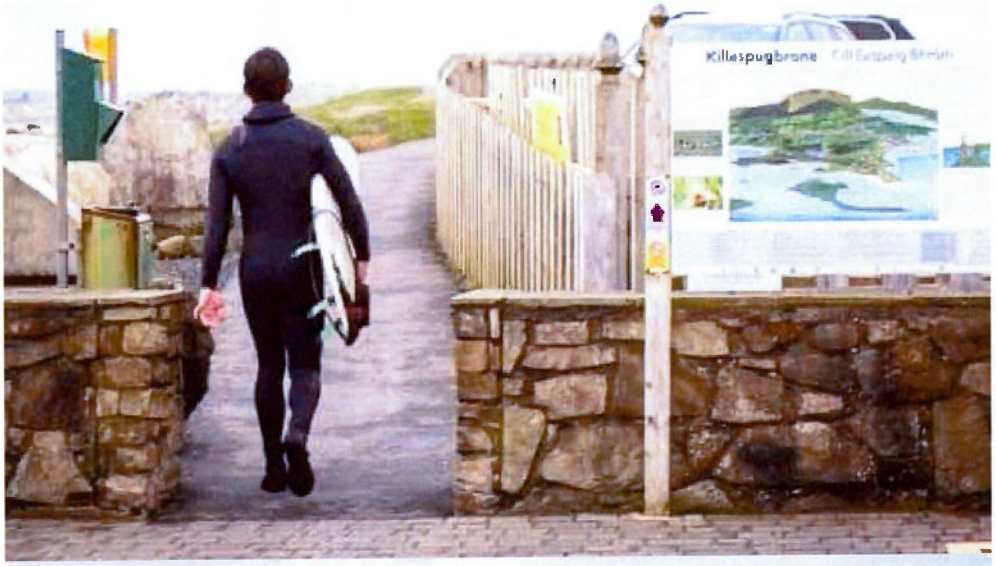
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Trail Grade – Moderate

These trails may have some climbs and may have an uneven surface where the going is rough underfoot with some obstacles such as protruding roots, rocks, etc. The routes are appropriate for people with a moderate level of fitness and some walking experience. Specific outdoor walking footwear and clothing is recommended.


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Killaspugbrone Church
Nun's Beach
Dorrins Strand
Waymarked Trail
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ED 628
Killaspugbrone
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12/03/2026

File Ref: ED 628/FL/CP

Aine Nic Amhlaidh
Larass
Strandhill
Co. Sligo

Re: Application for exemption in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in respect of: 1. The physical expansion and operation of the Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant beyond its 2007 permitted footprint. 2. The intensification of use of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail, currently exceeding 500,000 annual visitors, without contemporary Appropriate Assessment (AA) or physical mitigation at Killaspugbrone, Strandhill, Co. Sligo.

I enclose herewith a declaration in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) in respect of the following:

Name & Address of Applicant: Aine Nic Amhlaidh, Larass, Strandhill, Co. Sligo.

Declaration Requested for:
1. The physical expansion and operation of the Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant beyond its 2007 permitted footprint.
2. The intensification of use of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail, currently exceeding 500,000 annual visitors, without contemporary Appropriate Assessment (AA) or physical mitigation.

Declaration Provided for:
1. The physical expansion and operation of the Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant beyond its 2007 permitted footprint.

Non-Development:
2. The intensification of use of the Killaspugbrone Looped Trail, currently exceeding 500,000 annual visitors, without contemporary Appropriate Assessment (AA) or physical mitigation.

Location: Killaspugbrone, Strandhill, Co. Sligo.

File Reference: ED 628

Application Received: 16/02/2026

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Where a Declaration is issued under this Section, any persons may, on payment to An Coimisiún Pleanála of such fee as may be prescribed, refer a declaration for review to the Coimisiún within four weeks of the date of issuing of the declaration by Sligo County Council.

Signed on behalf of Sligo County Council

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Aisling Smyth
Administrative Officer
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From: Emer Concannon
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Regards,

Emer

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Hi Emer,

Further to above Exempted Development Application, the decision is due 16th March, 2026. Please see the following file link for your review:

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MAR '26)

Item requiring your signature is No 09 '*CE Order for DOS Signature*'.

When completed, please advise by reply email to planning@sligococo.ie.

Many Thanks
Aisling

Aisling Smyth
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Kind regards,

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From: Ian Bailey <IBailey@sligococo.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 11 March 2026 09:02
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Also a couple of minor changes

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Ian/Barry,

Please see the CE Order Declaration under Part V for your review before sending to Emer for signature,

Any changes can you let us know,

Thanks
Fidelma

From: Caroline Pease <cpease@sligococo.ie>
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To: Planning Emails <planning@sligococo.ie>
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Hi Fidelma,

Ian offered for he and Barry to review these documents as they are not standard responses:-

Docs drafted:-

09. Draft CE Order
10. Draft Letter

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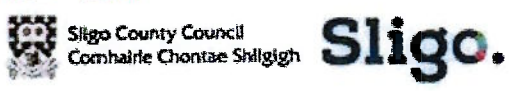
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Re: Application under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

To Whom It Concerns,

The Planning Authority wish to acknowledge receipt of your application for Exempted Development, under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) which was received on 16/02/2026.

Yours sincerely,

pp. C. Pease

Aisling Smyth
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Appendix: Evidence & Reference Checklist

- [ ] **Application Fee:** A cheque or postal order for **€220** made payable to *An Bord Pleanála*.
- [✓] **Local Authority Decision:** A copy of the **Section 5 Declaration** letter issued to you by Sligo County Council.
- [✓] **Exhibit A: Evidence of Historical Negligence (Minutes):** Enclosed Council Minutes from **November 2016, December 2016, and January 2017**. These prove the WWTP concerns were tabled three times and ignored by the Planning Authority.
- [ ] **Exhibit B: Environmental Failure (EPA Report): EPA Site Visit Report SV27364 (Nov 2023).** This provides the "best scientific knowledge" that the plant is failing due to "increased loading from the tourism sector."
- [✓] **Exhibit C: The Data Contradiction (2025 Public Realm):** Reference to the **AA Screening Report – LUC – February 2025** (Strandhill Public Realm Enhancement). This confirms the Council's internal acknowledgment of **500,000+ annual visitors**, contradicting their 2013 WWTP baseline.
- [✓] **Exhibit D: Procedural Obstruction (FOI Denial):** The formal letter from Sligo Co Co stating you have **exceeded your limit for FOI requests** and the record of the "deleted" CCTV/missing **Chapter 4.5 of the 2013 Mini Plan**.
- [ ] **Exhibit E: Tidal Hazard & Habitat Damage:** [If you have them] Photos of the **Killaspugbrone Trail submerged** and the **loose stone fill** placed on the drained saltmarshes.

Rebuttal of Director of Services Letter dated 23rd July 2021

The Director of Services' letter (attached) confirms the Planning Authority's flawed approach. It attempts to shield the project using 10,000 PE EIA thresholds while ignoring mandatory AA requirements for the SAC. Furthermore, the claim of 'future-proofing' is scientifically debunked by the 2023 EPA failure reports. The Council's admission that they ignored the Mini-Plan population targets further proves that this development is not 'plan-led' but is being managed through a series of ad-hoc, unassessed expansions.

1. The "Future-Proofing" Paradox

The Director claims the plant was "future-proofed" to meet growth over the "life of several plans."

- **The Contradiction:** If the plant was built for "future" growth in 2007/2013, why does the **2023 EPA Report (SV27364)** confirm it is already failing due to "increased loading"?
- **The Argument:** "Future-proofing" is a hollow claim if the actual, current loading (the 500,000 visitors mentioned in the 2025 Public Realm report) has already overwhelmed the system. Their "future" has arrived, and the infrastructure has failed.

2. The 10,000 PE Threshold

The letter states an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** was not needed because the plant is below the 10,000 Population Equivalent (PE) threshold.

- **The Anomaly:** While 10,000 PE is the threshold for a mandatory EIA, it is **NOT** the threshold for an **Appropriate Assessment (AA)**.
- **The Argument:** Under the **Habitats Directive**, a project of any size (even 1 PE) requires a Stage 2 NIS if it has a likely significant effect on an SAC. The Director is using EIA thresholds to distract from the fact that they failed to do a valid, post-People Over Wind AA for the SAC-protected snail habitat.

3. The 2007 vs. 2021 Footprint Discrepancy

The letter relies entirely on a **2007 Part 8** approval for a 4,500 PE plant.

- **The Anomaly:** You have evidence that the **2021 upgrades** extended the physical footprint beyond the 2007 boundaries into the SAC.

- **The Argument:** A 2007 approval for "X" does not give the Council a "blank check" to build "X+Y" in 2021. Any expansion outside the 2007 red-line boundary is **unauthorised development** and cannot be "exempted" by referring back to a 14-year-old document.

4. Ignoring the "Current Mini-Plan"

The Director explicitly states that capacity "would not be based on the population targets set out in the current mini-plan."

- **The Anomaly:** This is a stunning admission. Planning must be "plan-led." If the Council is ignoring its own Mini-Plan targets for the WWTP, they are operating in a **regulatory vacuum**.
- **The Argument:** By their own admission, the Council has decoupled the WWTP capacity from the statutory planning framework. This proves the "lack of transparency cited regarding the missing **Chapter 45** of the Strandhill Mini Plan from the Co. Sligo Development Plan, 2011-2017.

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Dorothy Clarke
Director of Services

23rd July 2021

Dear Ms McKirdy

I acknowledge receipt of your complaint in relation to the development of the Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant. In particular, you question why a Part 8 set out under Article 80(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations was not undertaken.

A Part 8 was undertaken by Sligo County Council in 2007 in respect of the proposed development of a new wastewater treatment plant of 4,500 PE to serve the village of Strandhill. The public consultation process on this Part 8 was carried out between 6th June and 25th July 2007. An Environmental Impact Assessment was not carried out for this proposed development. Please note that the Seventh Schedule to the Planning and Development Act sets out the thresholds for infrastructural development which require the undertaking of Environmental Impact Assessment. The schedule indicates that a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity greater than a population equivalent of 10,000 requires an Environmental Impact Assessment. Accordingly, the proposed upgrade to the existing treatment plant at Strandilll was significantly below the mandatory threshold i.e. an EIA was not required.

With regard to the capacity of the constructed plant, this would not be based on the population targets set out in the current mini-plan but would have incorporated a degree of 'future proofing' to ensure that the plant is sized to meet the population growth of Strandhill over the life of several plans.

Kind Regards,

Dorothy Clarke
Director of Services
Planning, Community & Economic Development, Arts & Culture

No provision made for implementation of Draft Plan

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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Letter from Dorothy Clarke re development of the Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant

8 messages

Karen Reynolds <kreynolds@sligococo.ie> Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 2:35 PM
To: "ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com" <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Dear Ms McKirdy,

Please find attached letter from Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services in relation to the development of the Strandhill Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Kind Regards,

Karen Reynolds

(On behalf of Dorothy Clarke)

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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com> Sat, Jul 24, 2021 at 7:40 AM
To: Karen Reynolds <kreynolds@sligococo.ie>, Dorothy Clarke <dclarke@sligococo.ie>, Tom Kilfeather <tkilfeather@sligococo.ie>

Dear Ms. Clarke,
I refer to your correspondence (attached) in response to the formal complaint I submitted to Mr. Kilfeather and do not agree with your assessment that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for this development in the Special Area of Conservation in Strandhill which is protected under EU law.

"A Part 8 was undertaken by Sligo Co. Co in **2007** in respect of the proposed development of a new wastewater treatment plant of 4,500 PE to serve the village of Strandhill." (D. Clarke, 23/7/21)

This Part 8 which you refer to from 2007, was undertaken 14 years ago, and is not valid given the fact that Planning Permission is time limited, which, as Director of Planning for Sligo Co. Co., I am sure you are aware.

Secondly, I am perplexed how a proposal to upgrade the former facility to a capacity of 4,500 PE was sanctioned when the population in Strandhill per the census 2006 was 1,413 persons. This would suggest a forecasted increase of 318% which given the geographic and infrastructural constraints owing to the special amenity status of Strandhill and the development limits imposed by the protection status of the Special Areas of Conservation and Heritage Sites, exceeds any reasonable population target increase - EVER.

This also conflicts with the National Planning Framework which limits development to key support towns. The most recent submission to the Draft Amendment to the Sligo Development Plan 2017-2023 by the Office of the Planning Regulator reiterated the fact that Strandhill is ***not*** a Key Support Town, thus, this development is not in keeping with the National Planning Framework policies.

Your justification for not carrying out an EIA due to the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant falling below the threshold of 10,000 is completely erroneous. EU Law mandates that all development in or adjacent to an SAC undertakes an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Moreover, your letter states;

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Your letter refers to the original proposed upgrade to facilitate the development of a new wastewater treatment plant with a PE of 4,500 in 2007. These are two distinct and separate proposals.

Sligo Co. Co. has a legal obligation under EU Law to comply with the protection status of the Special Areas of Conservation and undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment for every development proposal in or adjacent to the SAC.

My formal complaint has not been addressed, please explain why an Environmental Impact Assessment was not carried out for this Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade in the Special Area of Conservation, Killaspugbrone and why a Part 8 was not undertaken for this development contracted in November 2017 and commenced in February 2018.

Yours sincerely,
Ann McKirdy

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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com> Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 9:30 PM
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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com> Tue, Oct 4, 2022 at 9:19 PM
To: heritage@antaisce.org

Dear Ian,
This is a separate issue but a shocking indictment of how Sligo Co. Co. has tried to cover their negligence in compliance with EU Law for Special Areas of Conservation and Waste Management.
Please advise,
Thank you,
Kindest regards,
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Sinead Maguire <sineadmaguire@yahoo.com>
To: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@gmail.com>

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Jo-Anne

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To: Jo Anne McGonigle
Cc: meetings
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Yours sincerely,

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WWTP Contradiction EPA 2024

Contradicts Sinead Maguire 2016 numbers

or submission to the Director, David Flynn by the WEBS Programmer

Date: 9 September 2024

MEMO

Office of Environmental Sustainability

To: David Flynn, Director, OES	**Date:** 9 September 2024
From: Christine Murphy, Inspector, Water, Energy & Business Support Programme	
Subject: Examination and Review of Waste Water Discharge Licence	
Approved for Director by: Darragh Page, Programme Manager, WEBS Programme	

Recommendation: That the Agency approves the issue of an examination report and initiate a review for the Strandhill Waste Water Discharge Licence (WWDL) D0107-01.

Introduction

On foot of a third-party query and discussions with the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE), the Water Regulation and Dumping at Sea team became aware of an increase in the Strandhill waste water treatment plant capacity to 3,700 population equivalent (p.e.) from 2,600p.e. since the grant of the licence on 09/10/2013. The current collected load is reported in the 2023 AER at 2458 p.e. In accordance with Regulation 14(1) of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2020, I have examined and recommend a review by the Agency of the Strandhill WWDL D0107-01.

Examination report and proposed licence review:

Licence Examination

Strandhill WWDL has been examined and deemed necessary to review, having regard to the grounds for review (Regulation 14(6)(a)). There has been a material change in the design capacity of the Strandhill waste water treatment plant from 2,600 p.e. to 3,700 p.e. since the grant of the licence due to an upgraded waste water treatment plant in 2021.

The material change in the design capacity was not considered by the existing WWDL. Regulation 5(1A)(ii) requires the licensee to make a review WWDL application to the Agency where any change or extension of development already authorised would result in the waste water treatment works servicing an agglomeration with a population equivalent higher than the population equivalent authorised by the existing WWDL.

While it is noted that urban wastewater discharges are not identified as a significant pressure on the receiving waterbody, there has been a material change in the Water Framework Directive (WFD) status of Sligo Bay which has deteriorated from high to moderate since the grant of the licence. This deterioration in water quality of the receiving waterbody was not considered by the existing WWDL.

Regulation 14(1)(a) requires the Agency to examine a licence within 6 years of its authorisation and to review where certain grounds are met. Regulation 14(6) lists the grounds for which a review is required. Strandhill WWDL requires a review under Regulation 14(6)(a) as there has been a material change in the extent of the discharge to which the licence relates.

A review of the licence by the Agency will ensure compliance with the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2020. It will also provide the opportunity for the public to participate in the decision-making process.

The Regulation 14(1) examination (recommendation to review and reasons for same) is set out in the attached examination report and summarised in Appendix 1. It is proposed to issue the examination report to the EPA website upon approval.

Review by the Agency

It is proposed to notify Uisce Éireann of the Agency's intention to conduct a review of the licence in accordance with Regulation 14(5) of the WWD Regulations. It is proposed that the notice will require Uisce Éireann to furnish, by a specified date, a completed WWDA application form using the Review Authorisation functionality on EDEN.

It is proposed to notify the water services authority in whose functional area the discharges occur of the Agency's intention to conduct a review of the licence in accordance with Regulation 14(5) of the WWD Regulations. The notice will state that submissions in relation to the review of a licence may be made to the Agency.

It is proposed that the Agency will publish a notice of its intention to review the licence on its website in accordance with Regulation 14(3) of the WWD regulations. The notice will state that submissions in relation to the review of a licence may be made to the Agency.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Agency issues the Regulation 14(1) examination report for the Strandhill WWDL listed in Appendix 1 and approves the initiation of the review for this licence in accordance with Regulation 14(5) of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2020.

Christine Murphy,
Inspector,
WEBS Programme

Appendix 1

WWDL Reg No.	Agglomeration Name	County	Reason for Categorising for Review
D0107-01	Strandhill	Sligo	1. There has been a material change in the extent of the discharge to which the licence relates due to an increase in treatment capacity since the grant of the licence; and 2. The licence was granted over 3 years ago.

County Council Minutes January 2017

Minutes 2017

Minutes of January Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on Monday, 9th January, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. in The Council Chamber, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Baker,
- Councillor Bree,
- Councillor Casserly,
- Councillor Gormley,
- Councillor Healy,
- Councillor Henry,
- Councillor Keaney,
- Councillor Lundy,
- Councillor Maguire,
- Councillor MacManus,
- Councillor MacSharry,
- Councillor Mulvey,
- Councillor O'Boyle,
- Councillor O'Grady,
- Councillor Taylor.

WWTP Sinead - Maguire Jan 2017 withdrew request to D. Clarke to explain increased load From Wild Atlantic Way

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
- Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
- Mr. John Reilly, Head of Enterprise
- Mr. John Clancy, Head of I.S.
- Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services
- Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner
- Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian

- Ms. Margaret McConnell, S.E.O.
- Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
- Mr. Keith Lyons, Clerical Officer
- Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Assistant Staff Officer

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillor Clarke, Councillor Kilgannon and Councillor Queenan.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cathaoirleach, Councillor H. Keaney, presided.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed those present and wished them a Happy New Year.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – ADJOURNMENT AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE LATE LIAM KILGANNON:

At the suggestion of the Cathaoirleach, and with the unanimous agreement of the Members, the meeting was adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect to the late Liam Kilgannon. The Funeral of Mr. Kilgannon, an employee of Sligo County Council, was taking place at that time.

1. MINUTES OF SPC 3 (PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARTS AND CULTURE) HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2016:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of SPC 3 Meeting (Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture) held on 13th September, 2016".

2. MINUTES OF LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2016:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire
Seconded by Councillor G. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Meeting of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) held on 7th September, 2016."

"That Sligo County Council call on the Government (FG & The Independent Alliance) to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".

An amendment to the motion on the Agenda was

Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy

"That motion No. 15 on the agenda be amended to include the works 'supported by Fianna Fáil' be added after (FG & The Independent Alliance"

Following a discussion on this matter , the amendment was withdrawn and it was

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council call on the Government to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".

16. STRANDHILL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

AND

MONITORING FIGURES FOR WILD ATLANTIC WAY:

Councillor S. Maguire indicated that she had received the information sought and, therefore, was withdrawing the deferred motion from the Agenda.

"Regarding the upgrading of the sewage plant at Strandhill, can Sligo County Council clarify from Irish Water whether the increased loading, resulting from the classification of Strandhill as a point of interest along the Wild Atlantic Way has been included in the capacity design calculations for the new waste water treatment plant. Can the up to date monitoring figures for those using the WAW also be provided to the Council."

17. SUPPORT FOR SLIGO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy

AND AGREED

"To ask for a report on the resources, either human, financial or otherwise, given to date by Sligo Co Council in support of Sligo Business Improvement District (BIDS) and the projected annual support for this scheme."

The Head of Enterprise responded with a detailed report outlining the situation.

In noting that a sum of €395,000 had been anticipated as the income from the BID levies, Councillor MacManus requested and it was agreed that a short report would be prepared for the February Meeting outlining the income accrued from these levies.

18. APPLICATION UNDER WIFI4EU INITIATIVE:

Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council apply for the WIFI4EU initiative which promotes free Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens and visitors in public spaces such as parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres, etc."

In confirming that the situation with this initiative is as had been outlined by Councillor Henry, the Head of Finance indicated that an application will be submitted when they are invited later in the year.

19. ENNISCRONE LIBRARY SERVICES:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan was deferred to the February Ordinary Meeting Agenda

"Ask County Librarian to confirm that the Enniscrone library services will be maintained after August 17 when the present staff retire."

20. NORTHWEST REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE PRESENTATION RE. ALCOHOL ABUSE:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke was deferred to the February Ordinary Meeting Agenda

"Following a Presentation by Sean O'Connor - Northwest Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NWRDATF) Co-ordinator, made to the Meeting of County Sligo Joint Policing Committee on 16th December 2016, in An Chroí South Sligo Enterprise Centre, Tubbercurry. I call on Sligo County Council to discuss the issue of alcohol abuse, lobby the Government, to have all alcohol addictive drug product removed from Shops and supermarkets, to train and provide qualifications for people to safely retail alcohol and to revitalise the traditional Irish Pub industry."

21. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR PLAYGROUND AT DOORLY PARK:

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 2016 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO

Sinead Maguire

Upgrade WWTP November 2016.

Sligo Co. Co. Minutes Nov 2016

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Baker,
- Councillor Bree,
- Councillor Clarke,
- Councillor Gormley,
- Councillor Henry,
- Councillor Kilgannon,
- Councillor Lundy,
- Councillor Maguire,
- Councillor MacManus,
- Councillor MacSharry,
- Councillor Mulvey,
- Councillor O'Boyle,
- Councillor O'Grady,
- Councillor Queenan,
- Councillor Taylor.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

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- Mr. Bartley Gavin A/Director of Services
- Ms. Patricia Guckian, A/Head of Finance
- Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian
- Mr. Conall Calleary, Veterinary Inspector
- Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer
- Mr. Fineen O'Driscoll, A/Senior Engineer
- Mr. Seán Martin, A/Senior Architect
- Mr. Joe Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. John O'Hara, Assistant Architect
- Ms. Pamela Andison, Administrative Officer
- Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
- Mr. Keith Lyons, Clerical Officer
- Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Assistant Staff Officer

LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:

- Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tom MacSharry, presided.

APOLOGIES:

- Apologies were received from Councillor Casserly, Councillor Healy and Councillor Keaney.

"To request Sligo County Council to make an application for funding for an extension to the Pontoon at Mullaghmore and also for the Pontoon at Hughes Bridge in Sligo. The funding application to be applied for through The Northern and Western regional Assembly so that funding can be sourced through the Capital Investment Plan."

The Meeting was advised by Mr. Kilfeather as follows:

Additional Pontoon at Timber Jetty (near Hughes Bridge, Sligo Harbour)

Sligo County Council have previously applied for funding from the Department of Marine for design, planning and licensing for additional pontoons at this location (estimated cost c€29,000 for these items only).

Department funding in recent years has been restricted to physical works only and Sligo County Council has not been successful. Sligo County Council will investigate alternative funding options for these works subject to resources available to carry out design work.

Mullaghmore Harbour.

As Councillors are aware, there are significant issues with siltation at Mullaghmore Harbour. It has always been a tidal harbour and will always be so. This siltation has implications for the pontoons. In addition, Sligo County Council incurs significant expense maintaining the existing pontoon (this year it will amount to about c€17,000 - more than half the entire Pier and Harbours maintenance budget for the county).

The harbour at Mullaghmore, whilst appearing protected, is vulnerable to winter storms and substantial monies have been spent over the past twenty years repairing the Stephenson pier (in particular). The pontoon, ramp and piles have all been damaged.

Sligo County Council do not consider it prudent to add additional pontoons.

45. REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN EXIT FROM CAR PARK ON ADELAID STREET TO THE MID BLOCK ROUTE:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry

AND AGREED

"To request Sligo County Council Roads department to construct a pedestrian Exit from the Car Park on Adelaide Street on to the Mid Block route . This pedestrian exit will open up the car park for use by the travelling public using the Train or Bus to travel out of Sligo."

The Members were advised by Mr. T. Kilfeather that given its proximity to the City Centre the Adelaide Street car park operates primarily as an overflow car park for Wine Street. It is primarily used for short term parking and the current parking rates applying therein reflect this trend. As such, Adelaide Street car park is unlikely to used by those wishing to avail of longer term parking. Nevertheless, it is considered that a pedestrian exit from the car park onto the Inner Relief Road could be of benefit to the public during off-peak times; for example serving as an overflow car park for patrons of The Showgrounds. Accordingly, it is proposed to refer the matter to the Planning Department for their consideration and observations also.

46. UPGRADING OF SEWAGE PLANT AT STRANDHILL & MONITORING FIGURES FOR THOSE USING THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

"Regarding the upgrading of the sewage plant at Strandhill, can Sligo County Council clarify from Irish Water whether the increased loading, resulting from the classification of Strandhill as a point of interest along the Wild Atlantic Way has been included in the capacity design calculations for the new waste water treatment plant. Can the up to date monitoring figures for those using the Wild Atlantic Way also be provided to the Council."

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that this query had been referred to Irish Water when it had been submitted. To date, no reply had been received. However, the Director of Services has continued to seek the reply to this and other motions. In relation to this matter, Mr. Kilfeather said significant negotiations had taken place regarding the new Plant in Strandhill. The capacity had been reduced to 2,400 but had been settled at 3,700 population equivalent capacity. If an upgrade is required to this Plant, it has been designed in such a way that an additional unit can be slotted in.

Councillor Maguire then requested the details regarding the measurement indicators under the Wild Atlantic Way which are used to inform Irish Water and other Bodies. This had been the root of the motion. If it is found that it has had a negative environmental impact and not mitigating against it and, if removed, it would have a significant impact on our economy.

Mr. Kilfeather confirmed that these details would be under Ms. Clarke's Directorate, and if it is something the Council are to do, it will have to be done.

It was agreed that the details requested would be provided by Ms. Clarke to the Members at their December Meeting.

It was then agreed to defer this motion to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting.

47. PUBLIC LIGHTING ALONG R292 AT SCARDEN:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council will review the public lighting along the R292 at Scarden adjacent to the Centre of Excellence."

The Director of Services, Mr. T. Kilfeather, advised the Members that given the large volume of turning movements arising at this location since the inception of the G.A.A. Centre of Excellence, it is considered that public lighting improvements are warranted here. This matter has been referred to the Council Public Lighting Designers for their consideration.

48. PROVISION OF A COLUMBARIUM IN SLIGO:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

"Sligo County Council will provide a columbarium or an alternative for those wishing to have their loved ones cremated ashes interred in our cemeteries."

Mr. Kilfeather reported that *with the existing Sligo Cemetery fast reaching capacity, it is proposed that a new cemetery extension will be constructed on Council owned lands adjacent to the cemetery. Draft plans have been prepared for this c.1.3hectare site. In recognition of the changing attitudes to different types of burials and in ensuring the most efficient use of cemetery land for present and future generations, it is proposed that the new cemetery will accommodate a range of burial types. The new cemetery therefore will make provision for in excess of 1500 traditional grave spaces. It will also include facilities for cremated remains, most likely in the form of a columbarium wall.*

Part 8 Licence Application WWTP Approved Sept 2007

hoped the scheme would go to construction early next year and would be operational in approximately 12 months. Mr H. Kearns County Manager stated that there was a huge cost inherent in all these projects and that it was hoped that development levies would finance most of the capital costs. He also stated that there would be progressive increases in operational costs which could only result in increased charges.

After a discussion the following resolution was agreed;

Proposed by Councillor A. Higgins
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

AND AGREED

"That this Council calls for a meeting with the Minister fro Environment and Local Heritage to discuss the future financing and running costs of water treatment plants in this county".

11) PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001 (AS AMENDED), THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE SEWERAGE SCHEME AT CLOONTYPROCKLIS TOWNLAND, GRANGE, CO. SLGIO;

Proposed by Councillor P. Barry
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

"To approve in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the proposed improvement works to the sewerage scheme at Cloontyprocklis Townland, Grange, Co. Sligo".

12) PART OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 2001 (AS AMENDED), THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE ABOVE SEWERAGE WORKS AT KILLASPUGBRONE, STRANDHILL, CO. SLIGO;

Proposed by Councillor T. McLoughlin
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree

AND AGREED

"To approve in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the proposed improvement works to the above sewerage works at Killaspugbrone, Strandhill, Co. Sligo".

In reply to a query from Cllr D. Bree, Mr S. Concannon DOS stated that the scheme would cater for the area as it develops for the next 20 years. Mr K. Larkin S.E. informed the meeting that the problems being experienced in the Strandhill area were being caused by builders rubble blocking the mains.

exhibit B

Latest EPA Findings: Strandhill WWTP (Ref: D0107-01)

The most recent EPA site inspection (Ref: **SV27333**) and subsequent monitoring data confirm that the plant is failing to meet its legal limits for **Ammonia** due to overloading.

- **Significant Ammonia Breaches:**
  - The maximum allowable limit for Ammonia at Strandhill is **0.85 mg/l**.
  - In **June 2023**, Ammonia levels hit **4.51 mg/l**—more than **5 times** the legal limit.
  - Further breaches were recorded in **December 2024** and **January 2025**, with the EPA noting "poor quality effluent" and "elevated levels of both BOD and ammonia".
- **The Cause of Failure:**
  - Uisce Éireann representatives admitted to the EPA that these failures are directly linked to **"increased loading from the tourism sector"**.
  - This proves the plant is at its limit, confirming that any further development or "intensification" of the trail is environmentally reckless.
- **Water Quality Decline:**
  - Recent ambient monitoring results (August 2025) confirm **a deterioration in water quality** (BOD & Ortho-P concentrations) downstream of the effluent discharge point.

The EPA's own data (SV27333) confirms that Ammonia levels have reached over 5 times the legal limit (4.51 mg/l vs 0.85 mg/l). The Council's claim of 'future-proofing' is a scientific falsehood, as the EPA has explicitly attributed these failures to the 'increased loading from the tourism sector' that the Council continues to promote.

D0107-01).

Table: Documented Ammonia Breaches (Strandhill WWTP)

Date of Breach	Parameter	Recorded Level	Legal Limit (ELV)	Impact Severity
Dec 2024	Ammonia (as N)	**Exceeded**	0.85 mg/l	**Non-Compliant**
Jan 2025	Ammonia (as N)	**Elevated**	0.85 mg/l	**Poor Effluent Quality**
Jan 2025	BOD (cBOD)	**Elevated**	25 mg/l	**Organic Overload**
2023–2025	Ammonia (as N)	**Frequent**	0.85 mg/l	**Seasonal Variations**

Gmail

Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Repeated request for attention 3rd notification

Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

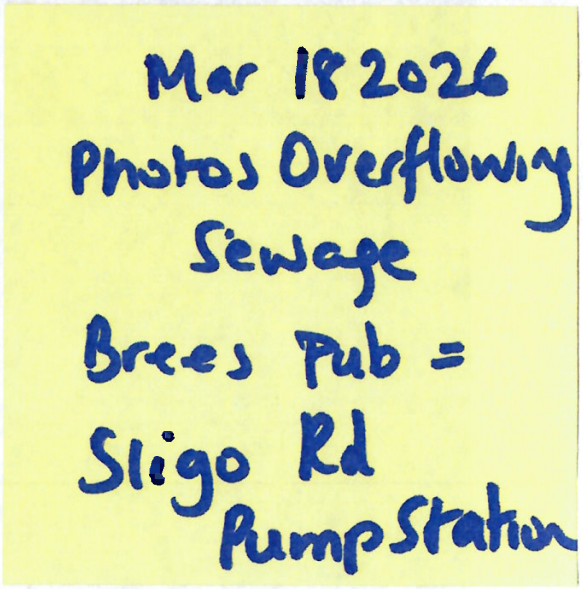
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Date: 24 February 2022 at 14:28:47 GMT
To: Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Subject: Repeated request for attention 3rd notification

Photo of overflowing sewage at Brees Pub pump station Bridge Rd, Strandhill





Sent from my iPhone

29 Sept
Smell
WWTP

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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Flies at ...dhill making passage intolerable

3 messages

Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
To: Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Cc: qcsofficer@epa.ie, Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 6:01 PM

An addendum to my complaint, the smell of Sewage at the end of the runway is noxious and overwhelming.

There is no eircode to attach this to a formal complaint.

This waste water treatment plant on the SAC was upgraded without an environment impact assessment contrary to EU guidelines and EU Policy under the Habitats Directive.

Please investigate the safety of this waste water plant which is creating a hostile environment for humans to walk and surf in.

Sincerely,
Ann McKirdy
PS this area in question is part of the official Killaspugbrone Looped trail and this impacts all users , visitors and locals as well as the protected species in this SAC.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Date: 29 September 2023 at 17:40:07 GMT+1
To: Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Subject: Flies at Sewage treatment plant Strandhill making passage intolerable

WWTP
swarming
flies

To whom it may concern,
I'm writing to alert you in late September to the problem of a thick swarm of black flies.
This is very very unusual at this time of year, in May the may fly is here but these flies are a huge ecological concern giving the location on the SAC by the waste water treatment plant.
Please alert the EPA and other relevant agencies and revert.
I look forward to your despondent.
Sincerely,
Ann McKirdy

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Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 18, 2026 at 11:36 PM

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Feb 2022

Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Water at bus stop Dorrins Strand - always not just on storm

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Subject: Water at bus stop Dorrins Strand - always not just on storm

18/2/2022

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Photo of Storm Drain by Brees Pub & Bus Stop

Sept 2022

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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Leitrim GAA Training on the sand dunes in Strandhill

Dunes

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Date: 18 September 2022 at 16:20:44 GMT+1
To: Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Subject: Leitrim GAA Training on the sand dunes in Strandhill

GAA Training in Dunes

To who it may concern,
This is a serious problem, team training up the dunes. It's the Sligo Co Co responsibility to address this on behalf of the Strandhill Community.
These dunes are in the SAC.
This is an ongoing problem particularly since the dunes were featured on Irelands Fittest Family.
I was formally requesting that Sligo Co Co prohibit this immediately.
The airborne sand is a serious problem in Strandhill during windy weather as the marram grass is which stabilises the sand is damaged and killed by tramping.
This is urgent.
Please advise,
Sincerely,
Ann McKirdy

18/Sept 2022
GAA Training
Dunes



Sent from my iPhone

Gmail

Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

1 message

29/9/23

Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 18, 2026 at 11:36 PM

WWTP Smell

Photo attached

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To: qcsofficer@epa.ie, Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Subject: **Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill**

23 Sept 23
WWTP Smell
with Photo



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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

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EPA
Oct 2023

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Date: 23 October 2023 at 09:17:40 GMT+1
To: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Subject: RE: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

Area Identified
For EPA
Oct 2023
WWTP
Odour

Dear Ann

It appears that you may not have received my email sent on 17/10/2023 (see attached).

In any case my telephone number is 094 904 8446

Regards

Liam Ó Súilleabháin

Inspector

Urban Waste Water Team

Office of Environmental Enforcement, Castlebar

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An Oifig um Fhorfheidhmiú Comhshaoil, Caisleán an Bharragh

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Subject: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

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To: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2023 07:52:32 +0000
Subject: RE: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

Dear Ann

My phone number is 094 904 8446. I've highlighted it in yellow below.

Regards

Liam Ó Súilleabháin

Inspector

Urban Waste Water Team

Office of Environmental Enforcement, Castlebar

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From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday 16 October 2023 14:56
To: Liam O'Suilleabhain <L.O'Suilleabhain@epa.ie>
Subject: Re: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

Dear Liam,

Please let me know how to contact you, there is no phone number on your message.

Thank you,

Ann

Sent from my iPhone

On 13 Oct 2023, at 10:17, Liam O'Suilleabhain <L.O'Suilleabhain@epa.ie> wrote:

Dear Ann

Please contact me to discuss the below matter

Regards

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From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday 29 September 2023 18:03
To: QCS Officer <Q@epa.ie>; Sligo County Council (Environment Section) <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Subject: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

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Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Fwd: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

1 message

Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com> Wed, Mar 18, 20:
To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Date: 20 November 2023 at 16:36:17 GMT
To: Liam O'Suilleabhain <L.O'Suilleabhain@epa.ie>
Subject: Re: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

Dear Liam,
I phoned today and left a voice message. I have huge concerns regarding the SAC, with regards to the National Looped trail which was put on the fragile dunes systems (immedi after receiving €300,000 in 2013 from the EPA for Dune management in spite of the fact their reports highlight the anthropogenic impact on these systems) and the saltwater marshes. Moreover no Part 8 or environmental impact assessment (I have confirmed written proof from Irish Water) was not done for the increase to capacity and the massive development of the water water treatment plant which is on the SAC.

There are strict EU Regulatuons, these take precise ce over development objectives.

Strandhill is home to extensive Neolithic monuments and presently is being reviewed for UNESCO world heritage status for the cairn systems in this area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,
Sincerely,
Ann McKirdy
Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Nov 2023, at 17:02, Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com> wrote:

Dear Liam,
I'm sorry for my delay due to unforeseen circumstances . I will get in touch with you shortly.

I'm very very concerned about the waste water treatment plant in Strandhill. My kids are surfers and we live locally.
I recently requested the License details for the discarding of waste materials and it would appear that Strandhill has not received a new license to correspond with increased output. The Sligo Co council has not carried out an environmental impact assessment on this plant in spite of the fact it is on an SAC. activity .

I will send photos of the Waste Trucks Collection from Septic Tanks.

On reading the EPA REPORT, there is 'No sludge and other input for the treatment plant .'
Yet, this truck dumps at least once daily as I see it on my walk.

That is a massive increase in sewage load
Sent from my iPhone

This site new treatment plant has failed to meet EPA's standards since it's opening.

Please advise,
Many thanks,
Ann

On 23 Oct 2023, at 09:17, Liam O'Suilleabhain <L.O'Suilleabhain@epa.ie> wrote:

Dear Ann

It appears that you may not have received my email sent on 17/10/2023 (see attached).

In any case my telephone number is 094 904 8446

Regards

Liam Ó Súilleabháin

Inspector

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From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday 21 October 2023 01:04
To: Liam O'Suilleabhain <L.O'Suilleabhain@epa.ie>
Subject: Re: Area of noxious smell from waste water Strandhill

Please email your contact information.

Thank you,

Ann

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Fwd: Noxious smell report again Strandhill runway by sea

WWTP Smell

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To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 18, 2026 at 11:33 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

2/June/24

From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Date: 2 June 2024 at 18:41:48 GMT+1
To: Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Subject: Noxious smell report again Strandhill runway by sea

Noxious Odour
2/6/24



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Fwd: Raw sewage FORMAL COMPLAINT - Bank Holiday weekend - Strandhill

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Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Raw Sewage
4/June/24

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From: Clinton Morrow <clmorrow@water.ie>
Date: 4 June 2024 at 10:46:55 GMT+1
To: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Cc: enviro <enviro@sligococo.ie>, dorothyclarke@sligococo.ie, James Melvin <jmelvin@water.ie>, Kevin Love <klove@water.ie>, Dessie Daly <ddaly@water.ie>
Subject: RE: Raw sewage FORMAL COMPLAINT - Bank Holiday weekend - Strandhill

Ann

Thank you for highlighting the below issue, we were aware of the issue on Saturday afternoon and we engaged our contractor to resolve the problem in the sewer network.

The cause of the problem was a build up of FOG (Fats Oils & Grease) in the foul network, substances which should not enter the sewer network.

FOG usually comes from kitchens of Food Service Establishments (FSEs) where food is prepared, cooked or served. Blockages from FOG can result in raw sewage overflowin causing an environmental and public health hazard.

In future if you can all customer issues are to be directed to UE Call Centre 1800278278, this way they can be identified and resolved faster

Regards

Clinton Morrow
Operations Technical Lead

Wastewater Technical Operations

Uisce Éireann
The Old Gaol,

St Annes Place,

Riverside,

Sligo.

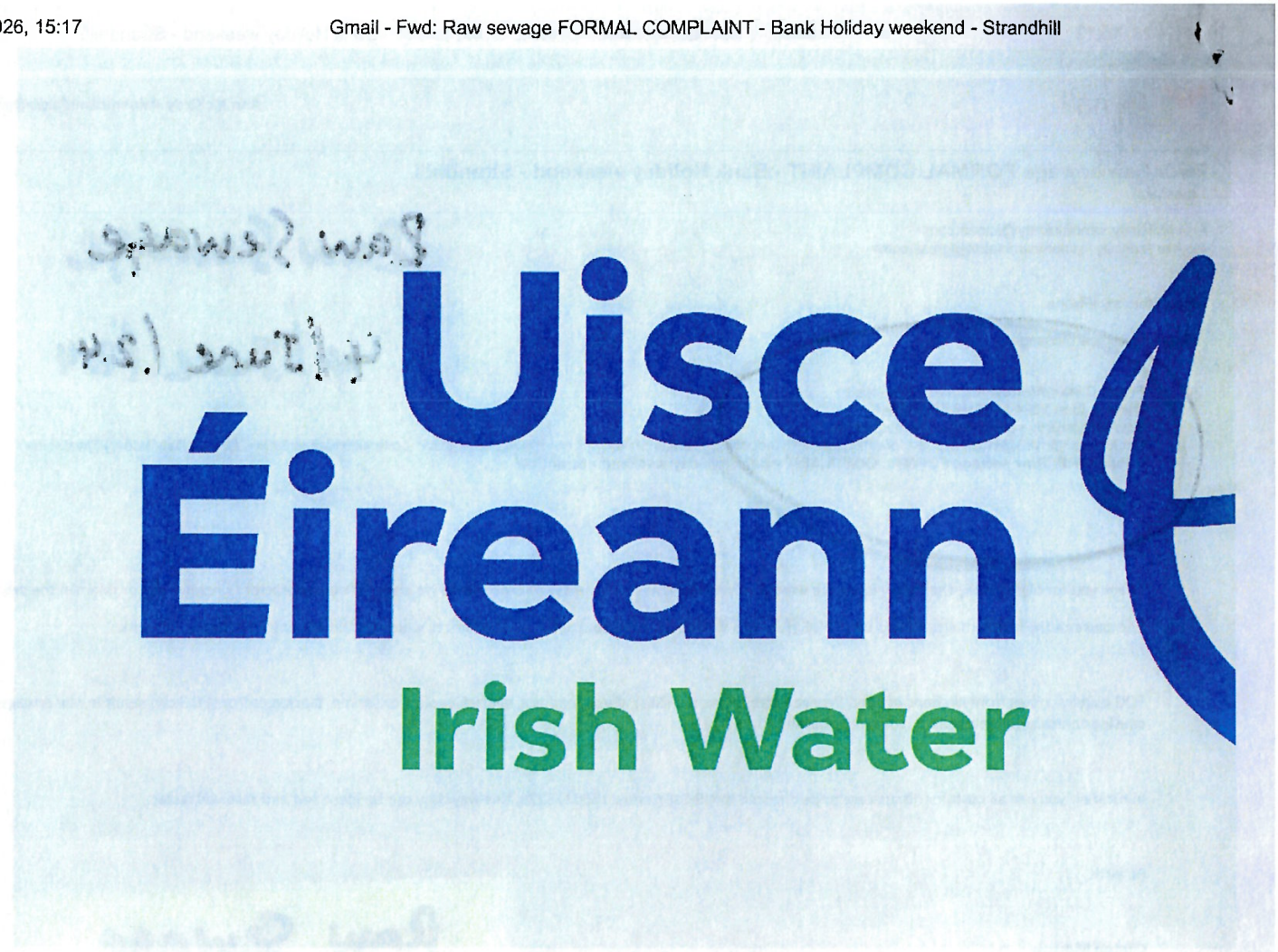
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Raw Sewage
4/June/24



From: Pauline Langan <plangan@sligococo.ie>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:26 AM
To: waterservices <waterservices@sligococo.ie>; James Melvin <jmelvin@water.ie>; Clinton Morrow <clmorrow@water.ie>; Dessie Daly <ddaly@water.ie>; John Mor
Subject: FW: Raw sewage FORMAL COMPLAINT - Bank Holiday weekend - Strandhill

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FYI

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From: enviro <enviro@sligococo.ie>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:23 AM
To: Enda Killoran <ekilloran@sligococo.ie>; Water Admin <wateradmin@sligococo.ie>
Subject: FW: Raw sewage FORMAL COMPLAINT - Bank Holiday weekend - Strandhill

From: Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 1, 2024 5:19 PM
To: enviro <enviro@sligococo.ie>; dorothyclarke@sligococo.ie
Subject: Raw sewage FORMAL COMPLAINT - Bank Holiday weekend - Strandhill

Dear Dorothy Clarke and Environment Officer

I am making a formal complaint about raw sewage flowing into the street in the village of Strandhill.
I am reporting this again following numerous videos sent from outside/near Brees Pub by the old bridge.

The spilling of raw sewage onto the road in Strandhill Village is indicative of a major problem with the waste waster treatment system. Saturday 1st June is a

This June Bank Holiday Weekend vulnerable children and visitors are at risk of serious illness.

Please respond formally.
Sincerely,
Ann McKirdy

Raw Sewage
June 1st 2024



Sent from my iPhone

Is don duine amháin nó don eintiteas amháin ainmnithe ar an seoladh an fhaisnéis agus d'fhéadfadh ábhar faoi rún, faoi phribhléid nó ábhar atá íogair ó thaobh na tráchtála de a eititis; nach dóibh siúd an fhaisnéis- aon athbhreithniú a dhéanamh, aon atarchur a dhéanamh nó aon athdháileadh a dhéanamh, nó aon úsáid eile a bhaint as an bhfaisnéis, nó d'fhéadfaí an dlí a shárú dá ndéanfaí sin. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas as aon ghníomh agus as aon iarmhairt bunaithe ar úsáid neamhúdaraithe na faisnéise seo. Séanann faisnéise sa chumarsáid seo agus séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le haon mhoill a bhaineann leis an bhfaisnéis a fháil. Má tá an ríomh-phost seo faighte agat trí dhearm ábhar ó gach aon ríomhaire. D'fhéadfadh ríomhphost a bheith so-ghabhálach i leith truaillithe, idircheaptha agus i leith leasuithe neamhúdaraithe. Séanann Uisce Éireann aon fhr seo nó as aon dochar do chórais na bhfaighteoirí déanta ag an teachtaireacht seo nó ag a ceangaltáin tar éis a sheolta. Tabhair faoi deara go bhféadfadh monatóireacht a bheith Éireann d'fhonn ár ngnó a chosaint agus chun a chinntiú go bhfuiltear ag teacht le beartais agus le caighdeáin Uisce Éireann. Is cuideachta gníomhaíochta ainmnithe é Uisce Éir n-Achtanna um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2007-2022, a bhfuil a bpríomh-ionad gnó ag Teach Colvill, 24-26 Sráid na Talbóide, BÁC 1.

Go raibh maith agat as d'aird a thabhairt.

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Thank you for your attention.

Gmail

Smell

Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

Reporting constant noxious smell of sewage at end of runway Strandhill /sea side

2 messages

Ann McKirdy <annmckirdy@icloud.com>
To: Sligo Litter Warden <enviro@sligococo.ie>

WWTP

Fri, Jun 14, 2024 at 8:56 PM

14 June 2024

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Noxious Odour

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To: Ann McKirdy <ainenicamhlaidh@gmail.com>

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Subject: **Reporting constant noxious smell of sewage at end of runway Strandhill /sea side**

