Re – Application by Donegal County Council under the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 for the Agglomeration of Dungloe D0208-01

Dear Sir/Ms

In relation to the above application, the following observations are of relevance:

1. The existing septic tank is over loaded and produces a poor quality effluent. Dungloe is listed on the Major Capital Programme for a new sewerage scheme to upgrade the current treatment process and improve effluent quality. In this regard, the Board made a submission to the Council, dated 4 September 2006 (enclosed). Further documentation prepared by the Council relating to the scheme indicates that the treated effluent outfall is proposed to discharge to the Dungloe river upstream from an existing weir. A schedule of conditions, however, appears to be at variance with this detail. Condition 3a refers to this, (enclosed)

2. In assessing this application the Board would appreciate the above submission be alluded to in any programme of improvements which may be identified.

Yours sincerely

Milton Matthews
Acting CEO
4th September 2006
Our ref - B/06/P/344

The Secretary
Donegal Co Co
County House
Lifford
Co Donegal

Re – Dungloe Sewerage Scheme Part 8 Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

In relation to the above proposed development the following are the Board's observations –

It is preferable that the final discharge is as far seaward in the main channel as possible with the discharge pipe buried.

While this may be an expensive option it is environmentally more attractive than one of the current proposals, (upstream of the existing weir at Meenmore. This will be more publicly visible and arguably provide less available dilutions.)

There is a strong and growing aquaculture industry in Dungloe Bay and consideration should be given to providing U.V. treatment at the new works.

All pumping stations should be provided with:

a) standby pumping
b) dedicated auto-start generator
c) adequate alarm system
d) overflow screening

Yours sincerely

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Following compliance with the requirements of Articles 81-83 of the above regulations and section 179(3) & (4) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, Notice is hereby given of the Council's intention to proceed with the above-proposed scheme.

It is the Council's intention to undertake the following works:

- A Wastewater Treatment Works at Meenmore Townland, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.
- A treated effluent outfall to the Dungloe River, upstream from the existing weir, Meenmore Townland, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.
- Submersible pumping station at the Old Cope Carpark, Dungloe Townland, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.
- Submersible pumping station at Meenmore Road, Meenmore Townland, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.
- Submersible pumping station at Carnmore Road, Dungloe Townland, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.

Scheme plans and documents describing the nature and extent of the proposed works were sent with Notice on 03rd August 2006.
The development will proceed subject to the following conditions:

**SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS**

1. Any damage to any public road occurring during construction shall be made good to the satisfaction of the Executive Engineer, for the area.

   **Reason:** To cater for orderly development and in the interests of traffic safety.

2. The proposed pumping station No. 3 located on the Carnmore road is omitted from the entire scheme.

   **Reason:** In the interests of proper planning and orderly development.

3.a The final discharge shall be as far seaward in the main channel as possible with the discharge pipe buried.

3.b All pumping stations should be provided with:

   (i) standby pumping
   (ii) dedicated auto-start generator
   (iii) adequate alarm system
   (iv) overflow screening

   **Reason:** To prevent pollution.

4. No surface water from site shall be permitted to discharge to public road and applicant shall take steps to ensure that no public road water discharges onto site.

   **Reason:** To prevent flooding.

5. Screen planting, consisting of tree and shrub species indigenous to hedgerow systems in the area, shall be established on all site boundaries (treatment plant & pumping station) within the first planting season following construction of all buildings.

   **Reason:** In the interests of visual and residential amenity.
6.a Electrical and telephone services shall be underground.

6.b Any bulk fuel storage tank shall be screened from public view by means of timber picketing.

Reason: To preserve the amenities of the area.

7. Prior to commencement of development, permanent visibility splays of 70 metres shall be provided in each direction at a point 2.4 metres back from road edge at location of vehicular entrance onto the public road. Visibility in the vertical plane shall be measured from a driver's eye-height of 1.05 metres and 2 metres positioned at the setback distance in the direct access to an object height of between 0.26 metres and 1.05 metres. Vision Splays to be calculated and presented as per Figure 1, Development Guidelines and Technical Standards, County Donegal Development Plan 2006 - 2012 in accordance with Table 4, Development Guidelines and Technical Standards.

Reason: In the interests of traffic safety.

Report on Submissions / Observations

Summary of issues arising from Submissions / Observations received and responses thereeto:

1. Mr. John O'Donnell, Tully House, Carnmore Road, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.

   Landowner opposed to having a pumpstation constructed on his land at Carnmore Road, Dungloe.

   Response: Donegal County Council can confirm that we have omitted this pumpstation from the planning application.

2. Mr. Hugh Boyle, Pole Road, Meenmore, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.

   The local resident had a concern that there would not be a sewer connection made available to him at his residence at Pole Road, Dungloe, despite being one of the closest dwellings to the proposed development.
Response: Donegal County Council can confirm that we will provide an extension to the sewerage network to service this cluster of dwellings at the Pole Road.

3. Northern Regional Fisheries Board, Station Road, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal

- It is preferable that the final discharge is as far seaward in the main channel as possible with the discharge pipe buried.
- There is a strong and growing aquaculture industry in Dungloe bay and consideration should be given to providing U.V. treatment at the new works.
- All pumping stations should be provided with:
  - Standby pumping
  - Dedicated auto-start generator
  - Adequate alarm system
  - Overflow screening

Response: Donegal County Council can confirm that all details relating to discharges and the design of the pumping stations, will be discussed in advance with the Northern Regional Fisheries Board. All pumpstations will be fitted with an emergency overflow, standby pumping and an alarm system as appropriate.

Date: 16/5/09

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CERTIFIED MINUTE OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2007

27/04/2007

To Whom It May Concern:

C/34/07 TAKING OF DECISION WITH REGARD TO DUNGLOE SEWERAGE SCHEME
Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Clr. E. Bonner, seconded by Clr. Slowey, the carrying out of works under Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, to Dungloe Sewerage Scheme was approved.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of Minute of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 29th January 2007.

FOR COUNTY SECRETARY