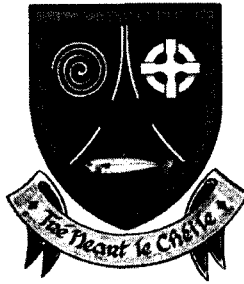


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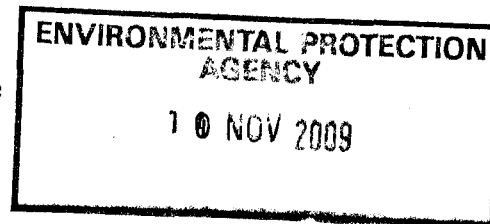
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**Re: D0254-01**

**Ballivor Agglomeration**

**Notice in Accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b), Waste Water Discharge**  
**(Authorisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 684 of 2007), dated 03 June 2009**  
**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT**

Dear Mr Morris

I refer to your *Notice in Accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b) Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007* which issued to Mr Gerry Boyle, Meath County Council, dated 03 June 2009, in relation to Ballivor Agglomeration (EPA Reference No. D0254-01), and to our response to this Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009. We enclose with this letter 2 No. hardcopies (original and one copy) plus an electronic CD copy of the Appropriate Assessment.

In response to Request No. 13, as requested by the EPA, the 'Flow Diagram' in Appendix 1 of the 'Circular L8/08 – Water Services Investment and Rural Water Programmes – Protection of Natural Heritage and National Monuments', issued by Water Services Section, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, was used to determine if there is likely to be a significant impact from the waste water discharges on the Natura 2000 site (i.e. Stoneyford River = River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, Site Code 002299).

Our response to Request No. 13, concluded:

*Based on the flow diagram above, there is a possibility of significant impact on the Natura 2000 site, and as such the impacts must be assessed by means of an 'Appropriate Assessment'.*

The Appropriate Assessment which entailed preparing a full assessment and statement of the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the Natura 2000 site and its conservation objectives, and measures to avoid or mitigate the impact, was completed by a Senior Ecologist from Tobin Consulting Engineers, and is now attached in support of the Ballivor Wastewater Discharge Licence Application.

I do hope the above adequately deals with the outstanding information required by the EPA's Notice *in Accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b) Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007*, dated 03 June 2009.

Should you require any additional information, or further clarification, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



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