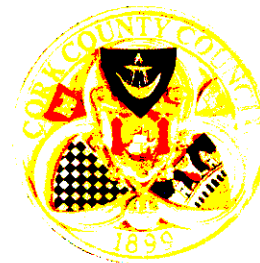


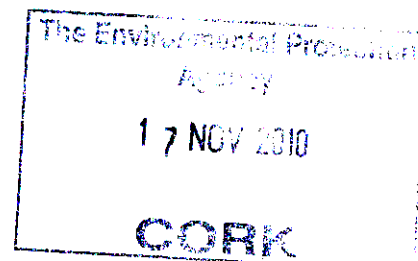
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16<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**Re: Waste Water Discharge Licence Application – D0168-01 – Bantry**

Dear Ms. O'Connor,

Further to the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010 at this office with your colleague Gavin Clabby, please note the following for your information.

**1. Current Status of Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The wastewater treatment plant in Bantry is fully operational since February 2010. The process is as described in the original Wastewater Discharge Application with the addition of UV treatment.

**2. Tertiary Treatment**

The final effluent passes through a UV filter prior to entering the tidal holding tank which then discharges to the sea.

**3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Drawings**

The layout of the new wastewater treatment plant follows the layout drawings which were provided in the initial application form. The only addition to the process is the inclusion of the UV treatment prior to tidal holding tank.

**4. WSIP 2010-2012**

The following are included in the 2010-2012 WSIP:

*Contracts at Construction:*

- Bantry Sewerage Scheme - Network (Civil Works) € 5,694,000*
- Network (M&E Works) €3,378,000*

This funding was for the construction of the new WWTP which is now complete and operational.

*Schemes at Planning Stages 2010-2012:*

***Bantry Sewerage Scheme***

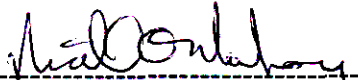
This involves the upgrade of the collection system for Bantry Sewerage Scheme in the town centre to eliminate all connections to surface water drains. This is to progress through the planning stage by 2012.

**5. Assessment of Effects of the Waste Water Discharges**

With reference to Circular L8/08 and the flow diagram in Appendix 1 attached, it can be concluded that the wastewater discharging from the agglomeration will not have significant effects on any relevant European sites in the vicinity.

Although the discharge point for Bantry Agglomeration is close to a pNHA an appropriate assessment is not required. NHA's are not protected through the Habitats Directive, therefore no further assessment is required.

Yours sincerely,



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**Wastewater Discharge Licence Application: D0168-01 Bantry**

**Circular L8/08 2 September 2008  
Water Services Investment and Rural Water Programmes –  
Protection of Natural Heritage and National Monuments**

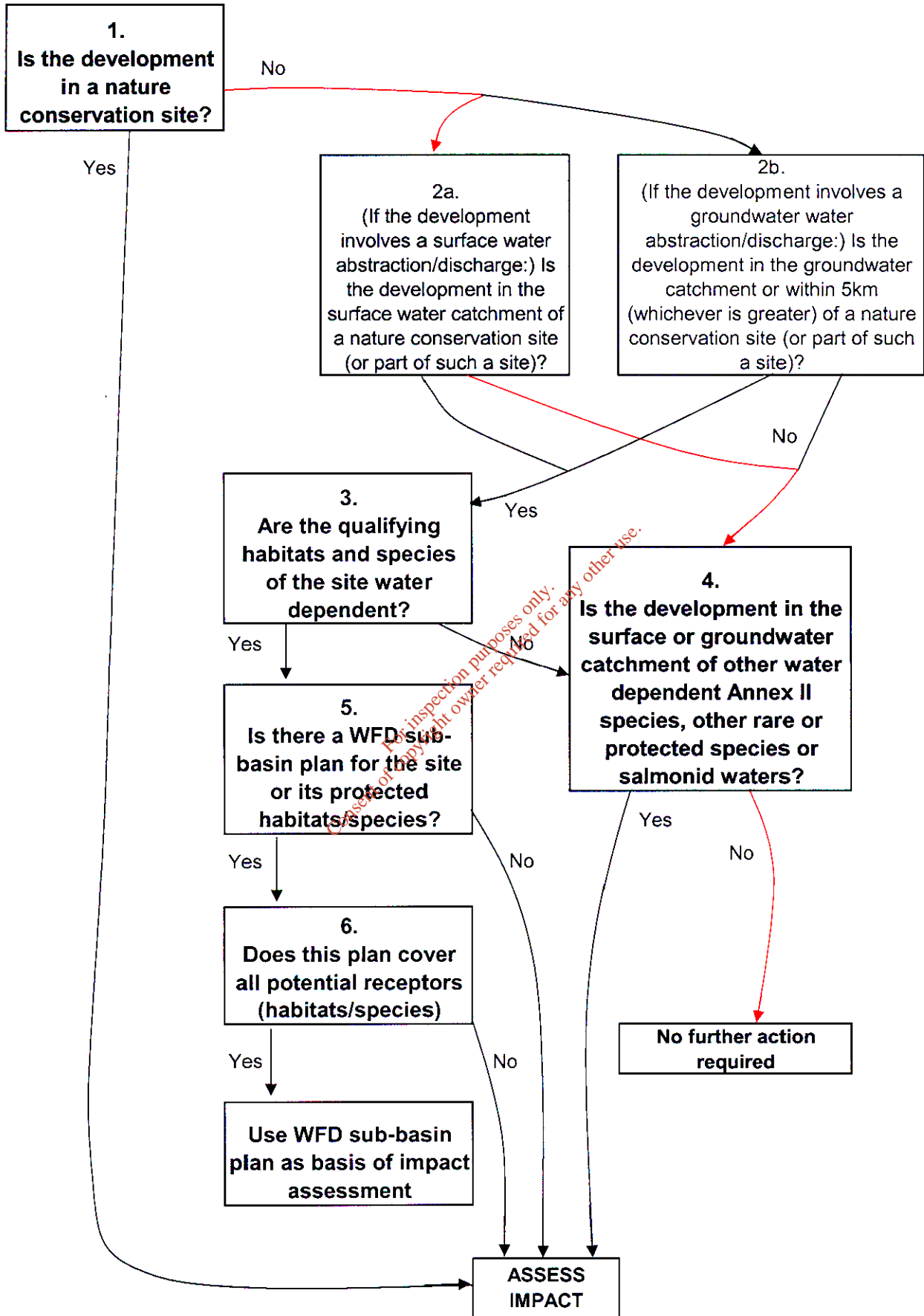
**APPENDIX 1**

**Water Services Schemes - Natural Heritage Checklist for Local Authorities**

**What projects must be screened?**

For new projects and significant changes to any existing operations, if the answer is 'yes' to any of the following, the project (i.e. construction, operation and maintenance) must be screened for its impacts:	
1. Is the development in or on the boundary of a nature conservation site NHA/SAC/SPA?	Yes
2. Will nationally protected species be directly impacted? Wildlife Acts (1976 and 2000), Flora Protection order (S.I. 94 of 1999)?	No
3. Is the development a surface water discharge or abstraction in the surface water catchment, or immediately downstream of a nature conservation site with water dependant qualifying habitats/ species?	No
4. Is the development a groundwater discharge or abstraction in the ground water catchment or within 5 km of a nature conservation site with water-dependant qualifying habitats/species?	No
5. Is the development in the surface water or groundwater catchment of salmonid waters?	No
6. Is the treatment plant in an active or former floodplain or flood zone of a river, lake, etc?	No
7. Is the development a surface discharge or abstraction to or from marine waters and within 3km of a marine nature conservation site?	No
8. Will the project in combination with other projects (existing and proposed) or changes to such projects affect the hydrology or water levels of sites of nature conservation interest or the habitats of protected species?	No

Flow Diagram - Route Highlighted Red & Shaded Grey



Conclusion:

Although the discharge point for Bantry Agglomeration is close to a pNHA an appropriate assessment is not required. NHA's are not protected through the Habitates Directive, therefore no further assessment is required