

Irish Water,
Colvill House,
24/26 Talbot Street,

Re: <u>Notice in accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b) of the Waste Water Discharge</u> (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, as amended.

10/03/2014

Dublin 1.

Dear Mr. Ken Conroy,

I refer to your applications for waste water discharge licence relating to agglomerations named **Timoleague** (Co. Cork), Reg. No. D0466-01 and **Courtmacsherry** (Co.Cork), Reg. No. D0294-01.

Having examined the documentation submitted, I am to advise that the Agency is of the view that the documentation does not comply with Regulation 16 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, as amended.

You are therefore required, in accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b) of the Regulations, to take steps to supply the information detailed below:

REGULATION 16 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Agency received an application for a Waste Water Discharge Licence, in the 500 - 1,000 population equivalent (p.e.) category, for the Timoleague agglomeration (D0467-01) on the 22nd June 2009. The Timoleague agglomeration had a population equivalent (p.e.) of 592 in 2012 based on returns made by Cork County Council.

The Agency received an application for a Waste Water Discharge Licence, in the 1,001 - 2,000 population equivalent (p.e.) category, for the Courtmacsherry agglomeration (D0294-01) on the 27th February 2009. The Courtmacsherry agglomeration had a population equivalent (p.e.) of 1,380 in 2012 based on returns made by Cork County Council.

However, it was noted during Agency site visits to these two agglomerations on 7th March 2014, at which Irish Water and representatives from Cork County Council were present, that

it is proposed that a new waste water treatment plant may serve both the Timoleague and Courtmacsherry agglomerations.

The Agency requires you to:

- Confirm in writing the details of the proposed waste water treatment plant which would serve Timoleague and Courtmacsherry;
- Subject to the above confirmation please review the status of the two licence applications currently before the Agency, in particular you may wish to request withdrawal of the application for a Waste Water Discharge Licence for Timoleague (D0467-01)) and include the Timoleague agglomeration within the Courtmacsherry agglomeration licence application. You may request a refund of the fee for Timoleague, however refund of any fee will be at the discretion of the Agency;
- Should you decide to include the Timoleague Agglomeration within the Courtmacsherry agglomeration please provide the following information in support of the Courtmacsherry Waste Water Discharge Licence application (D0294-01):
 - o identify the appropriate category of licence application for the combined Courtmacsherry and Timoleague agglomerations e.g. 1,001 − 2,000 p.e. (€15,000 fee) or 2,001 − 10,000 p.e. (€25,000 fee);
 - o an updated agglomeration name as appropriate;
 - an updated agglomeration map to include Timoleague and Courtmacsherry agglomerations and the proposed waste water treatment plant within the red line boundary;
 - an updated discharge map to include the discharges associated with the combined agglomeration e.g. primary discharge at Courtmacsherry, secondary discharge(s) at Timoleague and stormwater overflows;
 - the proposed primary (and secondary) discharge location coordinates and proposed primary (and secondary) discharge sampling coordinates and proposed stormwater overflow coordinates (6E, 6N grid reference);
 - o the new estimated normal waste water discharge in m³/day from the proposed waste water treatment plant;
 - detail the proposed pumping stations and any associated emergency overflows when the proposed treatment plant has been contructed;
 - o timeframes for the construction of the proposed waste water treatment plant;
 - confirm that the outfall associated with the proposed waste water treatment plant has been included in the *Timoleague and Courtmacsherry Sewerage Scheme Assessment of Ecological Constraints, January 2005* submitted with the waste water licence applications.

Please supply the information by 25/04/2014. Please note that all maps/drawings should not exceed A3 in size. Please direct any queries that you may have in relation to the above to the Inspector Loretta Joyce at 01 268 0100 or to OCLR Admin Team E.

Yours sincerely,

Loretta Joyce

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